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Wae Ritz resigns from City Council

By Kay Hood

EL CERRITO — In an emotional speech at the beginning of the City Council meeting, Wae Ritz, the longest standing member of the council, announced her resignation from the council effective immediately.

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chil would work together," she said, choking back the tears. "You're tearing us apart."

As Ritz sat by, her fellow councilmembers took turns expressing their sorrow at her departure. Jane Bartke, who said she has known Ritz since their children were in grammar school and they met at a PTA meeting, lauded Ritz' ability to fight for what was needed and later told the audience that Ritz' decision was made easier by the divisiveness currently afflicting the community over the El Cerrito Plaza redevelopment.

Gina Brusatori, the most recent addition to the council, spoke of Ritz as a mentor and friend who "served as my safety net and an example of graciousness and integrity."

Norman La Force, the lone male on the council, called Ritz, "the



Mae Ritz says she wants to spend more time with family.

doyon of the council, the voice of diplomacy, and the ear of the community. We will greatly miss (her) institutional memory."

Finally Mayor Norma Jellison told the long-standing councilmember that it had been a pleasure serving with her "all these years," and

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Board stays proposed budget cuts to middle school building

By Martina Joffe

ALBANY — A crowd of teachers and parents blocked an Albany School Board decision Tuesday night that if approved would have slashed a new school construction plan by \$1.2 million.

The session, which ran two hours over schedule, was intended to review and approve blueprints for the proposed middle school site on Brighton Avenue.

Instead, the workshop digressed into a lengthy grievance session for numerous teachers and parents who said they felt excluded from the planning process and implored board members to not make budget cuts at the proposed school.

Close to midnight, tired-looking school board members voted to

postpone approval of the site plans and to delay a decision until a special session on Wednesday, March 26.

In addition, the board put forth a split-vote temporarily restoring the middle school's budget by half, giving the site an additional \$600,000. Board members said they expect to approve or deny both design plans and proposed construction budget cuts at the next meeting.

Feelings of frustration were exacerbated by the inability of audience members to see architectural plans for the proposed middle school as presented to the board by district architect Ken Kerch, who had his back to the large crowd for more than one hour.

"I'm feeling a little excluded," said parent Jenny Holland to a sharp

ovation and hoots from the crowd. Holland said she felt "stonewalled" and asked for better communication from the district.

Some suggested that presentations to the board use an over-head projector so that the community could feel included in the information process.

The construction of the proposed new middle school, which has been in the planning for more than three years, has met with consistent time delays and was supposed to break ground last June.

Present costs for construction are estimated to be more than \$16 million, according to Boardmember Ed McManus. The district plans to convert the current Albany Middle School into an elementary school

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One deal for shoreline park from Oakland to Richmond

By Breindel

East Shore State Park is virtually new, now that three decades of neglect have yielded a \$27.5 million deal to convert 1,430 acres of land into one large public park.

The East Bay Regional Park District agreed with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to purchase a 1,817-acre state park in the San Francisco Bay shoreline between Oakland and Richmond for a total land cost of about \$27.5 million, its assessed value.

The deal is expected to cover up to \$27.5 million in toxic waste cleanup and other costs. If the deal is done for less, the cost

savings will be passed on to the new park. If it costs more, Catellus and the parks district will negotiate a joint operation.

About \$25 million of the funding will come from Proposition 70, which California voters passed in 1988. Alameda bond Measure AA, also passed in 1988 with East Shore Park in mind, will provide another \$2.4 million. Alameda general fund money will cover the balance in a \$950,000 loan.

Former Assemblyman Tom Bates, who authored legislation creating a unique partnership between state and local parks authorities to develop East Shore in 1992, said he was "overwhelmed and delighted" at this week's success.

Governor Pete Wilson also ex-

pressed enthusiasm for the project, and Bates in turn credited Wilson's office with helping to bring it to fruition.

In the 1970s, a Supreme Court decision blocked the construction of high rise hotels and office buildings on the site by the Santa Fe Corporation. Catellus also tried to erect nine tall buildings on the land at one point, according to Citizens for East Shore State Park Chair Dwight Steele, in a plan that would have blotted out the bay view for "tens of thousands" of motorists and residents.

"It would have looked like Miami Beach," Steele said.

Now the public has a good faith partner, in Catellus, according to

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Architect presents revised plan for Plaza

By Kay Hood

EL CERRITO — Residents, developers and Redevelopment Agency members continued their long fight over the future of the El Cerrito Plaza project at a City Council meeting.

Following a brief and tearful council meeting, which Councilmember W. Mae Ritz announced would be the last, the city's Redevelopment Agency, which is comprised of the same five members as the City Council, opened the floor to a presentation by El Cerrito Plaza Project Manager Robert Lyons and developer Wilton/Terranomics' architect for the project,

Sudhish Mohindroo of Fee, Munson and Ebert, San Francisco.

Lyons expressed the importance of a first-rate Environmental Impact Report to the development of the plaza project and said that of the four EIR firms that had bid on the project, the San Francisco-based EIP Associates was best suited "to conduct a thorough review and prepare a document that clarified the project's objectives, description and impacts; communicated the project parameters clearly to the public; and offered the developer (Wilton/Terranomics) and the Agency Board a basis for selecting among the various project alternatives."

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Big Spin nets El Cerrito woman cool million

EL CERRITO resident Joan Puccinelli, a retired sales supervisor, topped the list of winners from the "Big Spin" television show, aired March 8, winning \$1 million at the world's largest prize wheel.

Puccinelli spun the wheel which stopped on the "Decision" spoke, giving her the choice to take an automatic \$50,000 or spin again. Her decision to spin again paid off when she won the million.

"My accountant Charlie is going to be here this one," she said. Her immediate plans were to pay off some medical bills and take her 94-year-old mother to Las Vegas to watch the show she loves. Accompanied by her husband and close family friends, Puccinelli was glad she changed her mind at the last minute and left her home.

"This would have been just too much excitement for mom," she said.

Joan Puccinelli of El Cerrito won \$1 million in the California Lottery's "Big Spin" television show.



Photo by Chester King Vega

Oblivious to big changes ahead, children enjoy the playground at University Village.

Renovation = rent hikes

Some University Village students says they'll have to move

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The sky is darkening at University Village. The soft sounds of a flute emanate from the community center, broken every minute or so by the collective cry of a children's martial arts class.

Under the street lights, Building 24 — a two-story barrack which will likely be gone in a few years — lies silent, like an empty hull. The flutist stops playing, the class comes to an end, and for a moment, on a warm Monday evening, all is quiet.

Yet big changes are in store at University Village. Tonight, residents have been invited to another installment in the public outreach process which accompanies the multi-million dollar renovation project slated to begin next summer. A dozen or so village residents settle in as Tom Lollini, UC-Berkeley's planning director, announces new developments.

The university is having discussions with a potential buyer for the parcel at 8th and Harrison streets, Lollini says. Also, those in Section A housing (to be demolished sooner) will be able to move into Section B

(more expensive) if the need arises.

After that, a new Draft Master Plan is passed out. There are now three recreational playfields (the previous version contained two), and the word "would," on at least five occasions, has been changed to a "may" or a "could." And while everyone here undoubtedly knows it, one other detail is mentioned: Rent in the village is going up. Way up.

According to Lollini, the six-year renovation project — to be financed through revenue bonds,

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City amasses public input on use of Albany Hill land

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Anxious to incorporate public opinion, the City Council continued its quest for an ideal approach to the purchase of land on Albany Hill at its meeting Monday night.

A large crowd turned out to offer suggestions to the council as to what road they should pursue with funds acquired from Measure R. The council will hold a second public meeting on Saturday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m. at the Edith Stone Room at the library, to gain more input from city residents.

While no clear consensus emerged, audience members did offer a wide range of advice on how the council should spend the more than \$230,000 per year available to purchase land on the hill. Also, the city is currently headed toward zoning changes which would classify approximately eight acres of land in the areas as undevelopable.

A revision to the Hillside Development District, which sets building requirements on the hill, would classify all land with a more than 40-degree slope, or which contains "native tree cover or a significant

biotic habitat" as off-limits to would-be developers.

While the revision does not apply to parcels of two acres or less, it would have a significant impact on both the 11-acre Golden Gate development parcel on the west side of the hill and the four-acre Landvest parcel to the east.

The revision, if passed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then the City Council, would prohibit development on the top portion of the Golden Gate parcel, as well as all but one acre of the Landvest property.

That revision, if unchallenged, would be a significant setback to a proposal made earlier this year by Berkeley developer Tom Burke, who holds an option on the Landvest property.

Burke's proposal involves selling the lower half of the property to the city for \$400,000 in exchange for allowing him to build 16 single-family homes on the upper portion, along Taft Street. Under the revision, most of that land is now off-limits.

Also, Burke said after the meeting, the council can purchase more land — at

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Letters to the Editor

Owners of El Cerrito Plaza clarify their position

(The Journal received a copy of the following letter from the owners of El Cerrito Plaza to the merchants of El Cerrito Plaza:)

The purpose of this letter is to address certain tenant concerns and questions, put to rest certain rumors and to identify the intentions and objectives of the owners of El Cerrito Plaza.

To begin with, the owners of El Cerrito Plaza have every intention of retaining El Cerrito Plaza as a viable shopping center project. Our management staff remains unified and committed to the future of this shopping center complex.

For the past year, we have been working on alternative site plans in conjunction with our architects, consultants, and prospective "larger" promotional tenants to identify what we feel will be the most viable layout alternative.

In this regard, we have been working with the American Stores (Lucky's) to evaluate alternatives to allow them to undertake a major expansion and relocation of their existing store within the shopping center project. The ultimate objective in repositioning their store will be to approximately double their size.

In order to accomplish this goal, it appears American Stores will be acquiring the existing Federated Building. Our joint intention would be to demolish the building, thus creating additional parking fields for our merchants and greater synergy among our tenants.

Included in our plans will be the addition of three or four major "box" retailers to provide greater stability and customer draw for our local merchants. We are making final corrections and adjustments to our proposed new Site Plan at this time and hope to have a plan to share with our merchants within the next two to three weeks.

As part of our plan to revitalize El Cerrito Plaza, we are planning a number of cosmetic and aesthetic upgrades to the building facades and common areas. Extensive perimeter signage as well as modifications to building signage is also contemplated. Outdoor seating areas, kiosks for specialty merchants and landscape upgrades are also being integrated into our final planning concept.

As you have all read in the local periodicals, the City of El Cerrito has selected through the RFP ("Request for Preferred Developer") process, a group the city has designated as the "preferred developer" to replace the owners of El Cerrito Plaza, acquire the property and essentially tear down the shopping center and build a new one. The owners of El Cerrito Plaza do not feel that either the RFP "preferred developer" or the City of El Cerrito will be successful in meeting their objectives for the following reasons:

1) It is public information that neither the Redevelopment Agencies of the City of El Cerrito nor the City of El Cerrito have the available funds to contribute the necessary dollars to effectuate this undertaking and in fact appear to be in debt.

2) An erroneous assumption that the property can be acquired for an amount less than 50 percent of what the owners of El Cerrito Plaza deem to be the fair market value based on customary and standard appraisal practices, which will render the proposed project infeasible because there will be no profit to it.

3) The unwillingness of the present owner to sell without protracted litigation which will also render the proposed project financially infeasible.

Finally, we would like to put to rest several statements made in the local newspapers as well as by the city and RFP "preferred developer."

To begin with, the City of El Cerrito is requiring an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). We anticipate that this report will take six to nine months to complete. Upon its completion, it will be available for public scrutiny. Moreover, before the EIR process can begin, a final Site Plan must be approved by the city and blessed by its citizenry. Therefore, statements that permits will be secured to renovate the shopping center project by July of 1997 are absurd.

Further, statements have been made that current management will be replaced, a new leasing team inserted, and that the RFP "preferred developer" is in "negotiation" with the city subject to working out such significant issues as acquisition price, city funding, construction costs, and tenant relocation costs, while losing the benefit of a significant income stream.

In closing it is the intention of the owners of El Cerrito Plaza to effectuate a renovation, further

stabilize our tenancy, and stave off any future threats to take over this project by third parties. Our merchants will be kept updated by management during this process.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either Janet Jolley at our management office on site or our consultant, James Gortikov at (818) 789-3163.

The owners of El Cerrito Plaza

Counterfeit letters?

Editor:

I am somewhat mystified by the letter published in The Journal yesterday (March 13), from Jefferson Kinney. I have asked several people I know who were critical of Mr. La Force's actions in the past, and no one seems to know Mr. Kinney.

What concerns me, as the El Cerrito political battle heats up, is that The Journal seems not to check the validity of letter writers. This makes it possible to submit counterfeit or misrepresenting letters. I view Mr. Kinney's letter as an unnecessary and probably counter-productive ad-hominem attack on Mr. La Force.

Many people view the El Cerrito council and adherents as a group that is not used to being criticized, and who have no intention of sharing power. At issue are tens of millions of redevelopment dollars, and political and professional careers. We therefore do need to watch out for some "dirty tricks."

The most likely explanation is that Mr. Kinney is a lone ranger with strong feelings about Mr. La Force. I hope it is the correct one.

Peter Loubal
El Cerrito

Ritz' reasoning way off mark

Editor:

The March 13 issue of The Journal carried a Redevelopment Update by Mae Ritz. It purported to confirm that "public input" has gone into the process of the Plaza refurbishment plan, and listed certain "Basic Principles."

The only public input was via a carefully scripted and limited discussion by the few citizens of El Cerrito who attended the planning session. Other public inputs by non-attendees were essentially ignored. I refer to the recommendations of the the Project Listen group which examined Redevelopment for another year, and the many who have expressed opposition at council meetings and in the present medium.

As to "Basic Principles," the one of truly basic importance was wholly omitted. I refer to the matter of financing. It's all very well to put together a wish list, but that is utterly meaningless unless it's affordable. As things stand, the Agency does not have the estimated \$2.9 million of public money to give to the developer, so all this is so much hot air.

Finally, Ms. Ritz holds out the carrot of higher sales tax revenue from the Plaza should all this go forward. I have analyzed sales tax revenues for El Cerrito and found that they depend primarily on CPI and the unemployment rate. This last year, my estimate based on these factors was low by just \$80,000 out of some \$2 million. The effect of such things as the Target store just disappear into the background. Even if there were to be some slight increase in sales taxes, the return on \$2.9 million would be well below what could be earned on that sum in an interest-bearing account.

As one who participated in both Project Listen and the Advisory Committee, I find it sad that Ms. Ritz has paid so little attention to the findings of those groups.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

No room for housing at Plaza

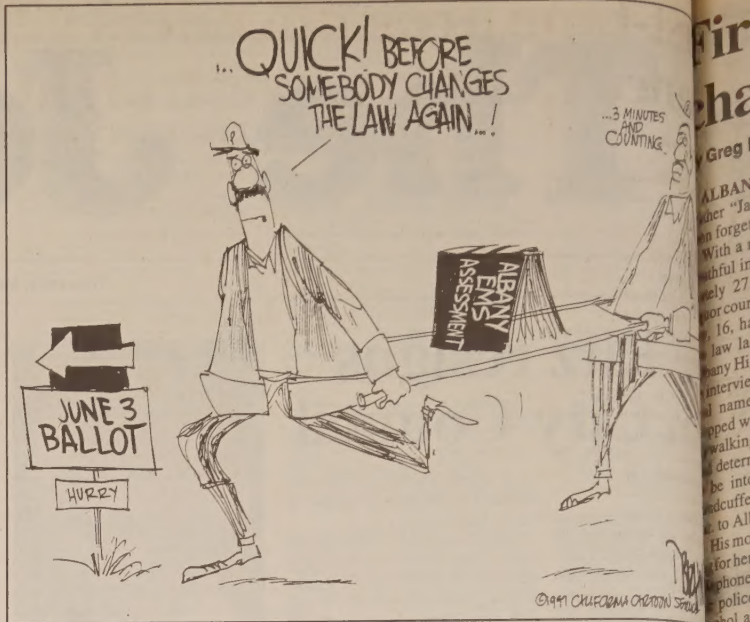
Editor:

There seems to be consensus that El Cerrito Plaza should be the commercial center of the city. In addition many feel it should be the cultural, entertainment, and civic center of the city, or that at least some of these functions should be located there. If we argue from the premise that these are true, I then see no demonstrated need to crowd housing into the limited space available.

I am not naive; I know that the "need" is for the developer to maximize profit from the work done for the redevelopment project.

But that is not the need of the city and its citizens who are designing and committing considerable

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Police Reports

Two teenage boys resist arrest, held on multiple charges including auto theft

ALBANY — A resident on the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that at about 4 a.m. on March 10 he observed two males near his house. When they saw him they ran south on Evelyn Avenue. Officers contacted a pair of 16-year-old Albany boys as they were entering a vehicle. They were not happy about being caught and resisted the officers. The vehicle they were using was registered to an El Cerrito resident and reported as stolen. They were arrested for numerous items including vehicle tampering, grand theft auto, disorderly conduct, obstructing an officer, and trespassing. One of the boys was released to his parent with a Notice to Appear. The other was transported to Juvenile Hall.

On the morning of March 15 Albany officers responded to reports of a prowler on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue. Officers stopped a San Leandro man on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue for running a stop sign. The man attempted to flee officers by jumping fences and going through private yards. He was apprehended but put up a fight. In the process an officer was injured and the suspect fell and dislocated his shoulder. He was arrested for trespassing, resisting a police officer, possession of burglary tools and other offenses. He was transported to a nearby hospital.

On the morning of March 15 Albany officers attempted to contact a 20-year-old male who appeared to be acting suspiciously on the 500 block of Pierce Street. The

suspect fled onto Interstate 80 with officers in pursuit. The chase lasted almost nine minutes and traveled through El Cerrito, Richmond, and El Sobrante. The suspect was stopped on Palmer Street in San Pablo and attempted to flee on foot. He was apprehended by an Albany officer and arrested. Among the charges were possession of burglary tools, obstructing and delaying an officer, and grand theft. He was transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the morning of March 10 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves had stolen his son's stereo. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of March 11 a woman reported that her bronze '86 Toyota van, which had been parked on the 800 block of Curtis Street had been stolen during the day. There were no witnesses.

While taking this report Albany officers noticed another Toyota van on the same block, which looked similar to the one stolen. A check found that the van belonged to a Berkeley resident, and had been reported as stolen. The owner was notified. Officers say it is common for car thieves to steal a car and then later steal another leaving the first.

On the night of March 12 Albany officers responded to reports on an abandoned car on the 500 block of Pierce Street. They located a blue '90 BMW 525 which had been reported as stolen from San Francisco. The doors were missing and the interior was gutted. There had been no witnesses to the abandonment.

On the morning of March 10 a resident on the 700 block of Rehabilitation Street reported that during the night vandals broke into his police Honda Prelude which was parked in front of his house. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of March 10 a Richmond woman reported that while she was eating at a restaurant on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue her car was hit and a dent in the side. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of March 10 Albany officers stopped a Ford for a Vehicle Code violation near the intersection of San Pablo and the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. The driver, an Oakland man, was found with an outstanding warrant from the City of El Cerrito for domestic violence. He was arrested and transported to the county jail.

On the afternoon of March 10 a resident on the 1100 block of Bot Avenue reported that his car had broken into his car, and the trunk, ripped out the door wires and made a mess of the interior. There were no witnesses.

During the week of March 10 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, towed cars, responded to 23 false alarms, intervened in 15 domestic disputes, attended to two dead lost animals, assisted four who were locked out of their cars and responded to two reports of barking dogs. Firefighter/paramedics responded to six reports of fire and 12 emergencies.

Congressman Miller to hold 3 Town Hall meetings Saturday

Thanks for your calls, letters, and e-mail on last week's column regarding the Alliance for Public Education's forum on a new middle school for the City of Richmond. Now, here are a number of announcements regarding upcoming events and meetings.

Congressman George Miller holds Town Hall Meetings
This Saturday, March 22, Congressman George Miller will hold three town hall meetings in West County. He will be at the Shields-Reid Community Center in North Richmond (1410 Kelsey) at 9 a.m.; Washington School in Point Richmond (565 Wine) at 11 a.m.; and the El Cerrito Senior Center (6500 Stockton Ave — near Fairmont School) at 1 p.m.

Assemblywoman Aroner to Address EC Democratic Club
Assemblywoman Dion Aroner will address the next meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club next Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The El Cerrito Democratic Club meets at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury in El Cerrito (across from El Cerrito High School). The meeting is free and open to all members of the public.

As reported here earlier this month, Aroner moved quickly in her first term as Assemblywoman to introduce legislation to restructure the West Contra Costa School District's annual debt payments to the State of California. The bill,

AB 437, has recently been referred to the Assembly's Committee on Education. Aroner also chairs the Assembly's Human Service Committee and is at the center of the debate on how to implement impending changes in the welfare program.

Rotary Pancake Breakfast
The 27th Annual El Cerrito Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast will benefit the Fairmont Elementary School library. The event will be held Sunday, April 6 at the Cerrito City Club (corner of Kearney and Potrero) in El Cerrito. Cost for adults is \$4, seniors and children \$3.50.

Spring for Lincoln
Over the past few months a planning committee composed of community members, parents, and educators has been working developing a fund raising event, "Spring for Lincoln," to benefit Lincoln Elementary School. Spring for Lincoln is being sponsored by the Exchange Club of Richmond and will be held Saturday, April 26 at St. Mark's Church.

Next week, I hope to write an in-depth article on this event which will include a live and silent auction. In the meantime, if you have ideas or items for the auction contact Joe Boyd (United Teachers of Richmond, 222-5112) or Marco Gonzales (Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, 232-2239).

Dads' Club To Be Honored
The Kensington Dads' Club, one



West County School Watch
By Glen Price

of West County's oldest organizations dedicated to school improvement and service, will be at this Saturday, March 22 on the kindergarten yard at Kensington Elementary School at 2 p.m. This is being organized and hosted by the Kensington PTA. The event marks the dedication of a new structure built by the club in cooperation with school district personnel and financed with funds from the district's Maintenance and Recreation Assessment District raised by the Dads' Club's special fundraising events.

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First-time drug offenders get chance to set record straight

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—It was a night which neither "Jay" nor his mother will forget. With a mind most likely full of youthful indiscretion and approximately 27 ounces of cheap malt liquor coursing through his system, Jay had his first contact with the law last fall. A sophomore at Albany High School who agreed to be interviewed on the condition his name not be used, he was approached with a group of friends for walking at two in the morning determined by a patrol officer to be intoxicated. He was then handcuffed and escorted, via police car, to Albany's "drunk tank." His mother was awake and waiting for her son to get home when the phone rang. She found him at the police department, reeking of alcohol and telling her with exaggerated sloppiness that he could walk a straight line. An athletic boy who wears loose-fitting clothes and talks in the terse, somewhat awkward manner of one still finding his way in life, Jay, her only child, had been arrested.

The two had a choice; a trip through the Alameda County juvenile justice system — informal probation, perhaps one meeting with a probation officer and a mark on his record until the age of 18 — or the department's three-month diversion program, an approach that is somewhat more personal

touch.

The program is not so much about punishment as it is helping first-time drug and alcohol offenders make the right decisions in life, says Sgt. Bill Palmi, who meets with participants on a weekly basis to discuss whatever is on their minds. It gives them an opportunity to learn, to ask questions, or, if they want to, just to talk.

"What I try to do is give them enough information so they can make an intelligent decision," Palmi says. "It's about commitments in life. It's about choices. It's about behavior."

The program has been up and running for two years, and has seen 27 youths, ages 11 to 17, pass through it with only one repeat offender. With the cases he deals with ranging from alcohol and marijuana abuse to less-common incidents involving LSD and methamphetamine, Palmi offers a somewhat old-fashioned alternative to dealing with the issues — sitting down and talking things over.

Participants sign a contract promising to visit him in his office for 20 minutes a week and to submit to possible random drug tests. In exchange, the paperwork from the arrest does not make it into the court system.

It is about more than drugs and alcohol, however. As time passes, participants can talk about anything from music to school to possible career choices and the steps that

need to be taken to make one's ambitions bear fruit. While the causes leading to the initial incident may vary from problems at school to "plain old experimentation," the approach, Palmi says, is uniform.

"You don't want to dwell on the negative. You want to dwell on what they're doing right."

With Jay, their meetings centered at first around the dangers of drugs, alcohol and driving under the influence. They talked about Jay being too young to make such decisions, the health risks involved and the plain, simple fact that drinking is illegal for minors.

"He's a little shy, but a great kid," says Palmi, adding that Jay was "really in a shell" when they first started meeting.

After three months, though, the relationship evolved to where they might discuss anything from school to the rap group Cypress Hill to what Palmi did over the weekend.

"I really believe after talking to him for three months we have averted a problem," Palmi says.

Like many adults, Jay's use of alcohol centered at least in part around its effectiveness as a social lubricant.

According to his mother, he dabbled with drinking because of a combination of peer pressure, the desire to experiment, and perhaps the most overwhelming desire of all for many boys his age, to facilitate talking with girls.

"I'm kind of shy, but when I



Chester King Vega

D.A.R.E. grads take a bow

Sgt. Bill Palmi of the Albany Police Department donned his gem-studded Elvis Presley attire to entertain recent D.A.R.E. graduates who gathered at Albany High for the presentation ceremony.

drink I'm not shy," he says. A typical 10th-grader with interests ranging from music to computer graphics and problems from a tough, college-prep course load to ongoing difficulties with a certain group of students, Jay tried alcohol for the first time during the 8th grade and drank occasionally on weekends.

"It's not something I dedicated my whole life to," he says, adding that he had no desire to try anything "serious." While the potential for abuse in his case may never be known, the incident was an escalation in that it was the first time he'd been intoxicated in public.

"I think most teenagers kind of experiment in that area," says his

mother, for whom the frightening part is wondering how far Jay might go. "I think (the program) is much better than going through the system. I think it's a good idea to keep them out of Alameda County with all the real criminals."

The Diversion Program is also open to parents whose children have not been arrested but want help dealing with experimentation such as Jay's. Teens who have problems with school attendance or running away are also welcome, Palmi says. (Call 525-7300 for information.)

"My goal is to intervene now, locally, and hopefully they'll make the right decisions," says Police

Chief Larry Murdo, who says he would like to start a similar program for first-time juvenile misdeemeanors.

He points to the time Palmi is able to spend with youths as one of the benefits of having a small police department, part of an effort to "provide more of a relationship with customers than responding to calls for service."

"There's no one program or no one person who has all the answers," Palmi says.

"In Albany we're fortunate to be able to put on a program like this. It's really about being small enough to deal with people on a first-name basis."

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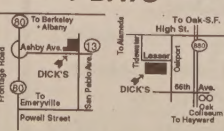
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Albany High brings us — Dogpatch, U.S.A.

The infamous characters of Dogpatch, U.S.A., come to Albany High School this weekend, when the Broadway musical "Li'l Abner" will be performed in the Little Theater. Greg Sextro will have the title role of the hillbilly hero who fears only honest work and marriage. Based on Al Capp's famous cartoon characters, the comedy recounts the adventures of the citizens of Dogpatch when word is sent from Washington that they must evacuate their mountain homes. It seems that the gambling enterprises in Las Vegas have been disturbed by atom bomb testings in Nevada and Dogpatch has been chosen as ground zero. Unless the

Yokums, the Scraggs, Mayor Dawgmeat and the other denizens can prove that the town is useful, Dogpatch is doomed. Also starring are JiNa Song as Daisy Mae, Chris Carter as Marryin' Sam, Ella Samonsky and Hari Savitala as Abner's pint-sized parents, Mammy and Pappy Yokum, Spencer Ferguson as Earthquake McGoon and Eric Fitzsimons as General Bullmoose. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 20, 21, and 22 at 8 p.m.; matinee on Saturday, March 22 at 2 p.m. AHS is located at 603 Key Route Blvd. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Call 559-6550, ext. 6588.

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Tuesday, March 25
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Board of Education meeting
Topic: Agenda available at
ASUD Office

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Monday, April 7
Staff Development Day

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Wednesday, April 9
Family Science Night at Vista
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Vista School

Thursday, April 10
Family Science

MacGregor

Contact: Sign up in advance at

MacGregor School

Thursday, April 10
7 p.m. AMS Library

AMS PTA

Topic: Elementary

about middle school

Contact: Helen M...

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Monday, April 14
7:15 p.m., AHS Library

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Contact: Sarah Sam...

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Saturday, April 19
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Contact: Vice principal

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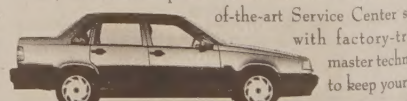
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On Saturday kids can get their picture taken with that special bunny from 11am - 2pm. Then, perk up those bunny ears for the reading of *Peter Rabbit* presented by Barnes & Noble. Next, hop on over to the kids craft center to make Easter crafts, meet the Easter Bunny's real furry friends in the petting zoo, and go on an Easter Treasure Hunt through the Jack London Square merchants. All of this Easter fun takes place on the Pavilion Stage from 11am - 5pm.

On Easter Sunday, the Bunny returns to the Square with his friends from the petting zoo. The Easter Bunny will be strolling through the Square and restaurants, greeting children with furry handshakes and Jack London Square Easter activity books from 11am - 5pm.

Enjoy Easter brunch at one of Jack London Square's fantastic restaurants. Shenanigan's, Jack's Bistro, El Torito, Scott's Seafood, The Old Spaghetti Factory, The Overland House Grill, T.G.I. Friday's, The Fat Lady, and Il Pescatore will all be open Easter Sunday for brunch, so make your reservations at your favorite Square restaurant today!

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Esther's whole life led to her hobby, which has taken on a life of its own. Her collection has been shown in museums, schools and galleries since she finished her first piece, a Yemenite Bride.

Esther was born in Patchogue, Long Island, in 1912 (yes, she allows me to tell her age, which is an important part of the story this 84-year-old woman is still creating.) Her twin brother preceded her by seven hours, which has remained a legend in the family history, and something of a medical mystery.

The family moved to Rome, New York, where she went to school and won a scholarship when she graduated from grade school. In high school, in Brooklyn, she took an intensive industrial arts course, which included every facet of art. When she graduated in the 1930s the Depression was in full swing. She found her first job designing dresses for the cotton trade. Says Esther, "I learned a great deal from the woman I worked for."

Her career took a "temporary hiatus" when she enrolled in the Pratt Institute for household arts and science. For three years, she worked during the day and went to Pratt at night, graduating with a certificate in art.

The career hiatus continued when she married in 1937. Her first child was born in 1939, and her second in

1945. When the youngest was two years old she started to work again, and hasn't stopped since.

The day she brought her first child home from the hospital her husband, who was a projector in a theater, told her they had closed the theater. "The next few years," she remembers, "were a nightmare." It helped when a neighbor approached her saying she would like to learn to sew, would Esther teach her? She would, and did.

Later, when they moved into a garden apartment development, her husband learned they were trying to start activities and volunteered her services. She had three classes going at one time: beginning, intermediate and advanced sewing. She also taught for several years at the Jewish North Hills Y, where she was named one of the best leaders. She was saddened when they discontinued the classes in order to "cut corners."

While still teaching at the Y she opened her own shop. She was also caring for her mother, a sister and her husband. The family moved to New Hampshire, and lived there for two years before her husband died.

Esther decided to go back to school and earn a degree. She enrolled at the University of New Hampshire College of Lifelong Learning. She wanted to combine costume work with the doll work she had been doing for 25 years.

Told to come up with a project, she remembered a book she had found when visiting her brother in Jerusalem. It was about Jewish costumes, mostly rabbinic clothing and artifacts. But she noticed several photos of family groups from different countries. This led her to the

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



project in which she is so deeply involved now: the traditional costumes of Jewish women in the Diaspora.

The amount of research she has done is astounding. Her brother in Jerusalem helped her find books, and her son in Alaska, whose office is in the library at Anchorage, also helps her find the information she needs. She also does this work when she is here visiting her daughter, June, and the two of them often tour fabric stores and other sources.

At first she didn't know how to approach the project. There was so little information. She sent letters to people who might be able to advise her, and received wonderful feedback. She received a call from the director of the Yeshiva University who "loved the idea, and would like to be the first in the United States to exhibit it when the project was finished." She made sure it was. The project so fascinated people that from the start she was asked to speak to all kinds of groups: museums, schools, synagogues, churches.

At the present time she is intrigued by the story of a Jewish woman who was part of the gold rush in the Yukon, and although she had limited herself to Jewish women

in Asia, Africa and Europe, she is now researching this woman and the clothing she wore.

Her research has brought up all sorts of interesting items. She discovered a group of Jewish people who had lived in caves in a mountain range in Northwest Libya, at Jebel Ghjaryan or 'Cave Mountain.' The caves offered them protection against robbers from the desert. One of her mannequins is dressed in the striped dress worn then.

Esther, who lives in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, was visiting her daughter and son-in-law (he has a foreign car service in Albany) when I met her. I found her story fascinating. I hope you did, too.

I must tell you quickly of another out-of-town relative of a local resident, also an artist. Moll Mitchell tells me that her sister, Scotty Mitchell, has lived in Crete for 20 years. Scotty will exhibit her pastel paintings of icon stands, which are found all over the Chania region of Crete — "on its coasts, tracks and crossroads, framed by trees, bushes and flowers." The show runs March 26 through April 3 at 1450 4th St. #6 in Berkeley. The hours are noon to 6 p.m. daily except Thursdays when they will be from 2 - 9 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

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financing for the project. It is for the citizens of this city to decide what shall be in the Plaza.

The Plaza seems spacious, and it is now, but all of the development planned — retailers, large and small; a central plaza; green and walking space; public buildings; an entertainment structure; and the large amount of parking necessary to service all of these — will easily consume the available space.

In addition, it seems to be forgotten in all the dreaming that housing, if included, creates significantly more congestion, traffic, and roading needs, and increases the need for city services (material and financial costs).

Unless a clearly demonstrated need for and benefit from including housing can be shown, there should definitely not be any.

Tom Smithberger
El Cerrito

No comparison with Nazi rule

Editor:
I am not a resident of El Cerrito and I am not knowledgeable about the merits and demerits of the redevelopment projects discussed by perennial letter writer Peter Loubal (The Journal, March 13) but, as a former

German Jew who has lived under Hitler I am thoroughly by the implication that petty grievances are on the acts of the "authoritarian dictatorship" that gave my close relatives.

The editorial explains the bottom of Loubal's letter, state whether his "authoritarian personal experience" was as a Nazi or as a Jew. If it was the latter, that this experience had in need of psychiatric

Who's to decide what's best for Cerrito?

Editor:
From nature and man's rancho — restaurant — arson — dog racing — movies — shopping Plaza and without an Empona now, perhaps, to court the Bilak of L.A., this southern gateway to El Cerrito is border of two counties, the longest street in the East, been the object of a local war of words by Bilak's allies.
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commercial development and sale of parcels on Harrison Street which will, at the end of the year, be self-supporting — has, as yet, rents approximately 15 percent below market value. That means \$650 for a one-bedroom unit, \$850 for a three-bedroom. As of 1995, residents pay from \$305 for a studio apartment to \$555 for a two-bedroom townhouse, with a one-bedroom unit in the older buildings running as low as \$410.

Diana Spatz, a single mother from North Carolina, says she will move to East Oakland if the rent is that high. Michael Kaplan, a member of the Village Residents Association, says there is a creative solution, and that, if fund-raising is unsuccessful, if fund-raising through village alumni might be again.

Kathotia, a Ph.D. student from Calicut, India, asks, almost jokingly, who is this "we" Lollini is referring to? The office of Planning, the office of Finance, and the Housing and Dining, and the office of Treasurer, Lollini says, representatives of which were present at the 19-member Village Plan Committee.

Beyond that, of course, lie more issues of decision-making, culminated in a trip before the Regents. Kathotia, who has been changing names, asks if there will ever be in one room again the issue can be addressed. She says that during the past two years she's had "crying single" in her apartment every day, and that support they give her is what makes the village special place.

Lollini, who is not really the one who decides these things, tries to say that if there's no money to be made, then there's nothing to argue about. Kathotia, still firm, says people have been apathetic.

Life might be college, but it sure doesn't look like it, and the people here seem perfectly happy with it that way.

There are no keg parties at University Village, no stereos blaring



Photo by Chester King Vega

Michael Kaplan is a member of the board of the University Village Residents Association. Kaplan wants to find a "creative solution," perhaps through alumni fundraising.

loud through the night or 20-year-olds belly flopping into swimming pools. Instead, one finds lawns strewn with toys as if stealing was a thing unheard of, and families tending vegetables in the gardens near the railroad.

In the village, you can buy a bookshelf for three dollars and a used desk for 10, according to one flyer; see the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers or do something else. The Journal was unable to decipher because that flyer was in Chinese. From the flags of 20 nations hanging from the ceiling of the Eighth Street Cafe to the arrows at 8th and Monroe pointing from Nairobi to Oakland to Cyberspace, University Village, as it stands in 1997, is Global.

That has not always been so. According to Warren F. Lee, a post-doctoral history student currently writing a historical account of the Albany area, the village passed from the hands of one Captain Boswell to the Gill Family and, marred only by a takeover by the federal government during World War II, has rested in the hands of the 18 Regents of the University of California ever since.

A slowly shrinking parcel over the years from which Albany City Hall (1950s) and Albany Middle School (dedicated in 1976) have been carved, the village has seen everything from a proposed college of veterinary medicine (1940s) to rent strikes (1960s, 1980s), and, as things stand, looks headed for some of the biggest changes yet.

Renovation of the village has

long been anticipated, and with 90 acres of land slated for reconfiguration, many groups have stepped forward looking for a piece of the pie.

The City of Albany is hoping commercial development on San Pablo will get things shaking economically. Little league, softball and softball supporters want fields. Bicycle advocates want a path. A coalition of 32-plus groups wants to turn the Gill Tract into a Center for Sustainable Urban Farming (see sidebar).

Global — and Affordable

And, amid all the interests, what some village residents want, but may not get, is a break.

"It's becoming harder and harder to go to school if you're poor," says Kathotia, a 30-year-old Ph.D. student in mathematics who, because of visa restrictions, can earn only \$1,200 a month, plus tuition, as a student teacher (his wife, who is also from India, is not allowed to work at all).

Spatz, who is attempting to strike a balance between raising her 10-year-old daughter and pursuing a bachelor's degree in the Political Economics of Industrialized Societies, says that if her rent (\$505 for a two-bedroom apartment) were to rise to \$750, she too would have to find new living arrangements, a change which she says would affect more than her pocketbook.

"I don't think I would have made it if I hadn't been here (in the Village)," she says, pointing to the complex not only as an affordable

place to live but also as one with a sort of ingrown support network. "If it wasn't for this housing, I don't think I would have stayed in school."

No-one, however, seems to dispute the need for new housing. For example, in the Kula Gulf section there are baths but no showers, as opposed to Codornices, where there are showers, but no baths.

And while the ceilings in some units have the benefit of being radar-proof, according to Village Manager Tavia Tipton, if you were thinking about operating, say, a hair dryer and a toaster at the same time you can just plain forget it.

As of 1995, University Village was home to some 651 families, containing 875 children, more than 500 of whom were preschool age or younger. Fifty-six percent of the students were international, a majority which, if what residents say is true, could be headed for some rough financial times.

Kathotia, for example, says that while his rent and health insurance have been going up, his pay has remained the same.

Kaplan, who is serving as the residents' liaison with the City Council and hopes to invite city residents to an open house in the spring, also says the proposed rent increase will hit hard among international students.

Like Kathotia, they are often limited as to the amount of money they can earn.

"If you go out and just rent an apartment, it's not the same thing," he says, comparing the complex to an Olympic Village in that one has the best from around the world gathered temporarily in one place.

The village also offers benefits ranging from a parent support center to a gym filled with children's classes to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live shoulder to shoulder with persons from dozens of different nations.

"There is an energy to this place and people are happy living here," says Kathotia.

And while the pickets are not waving and the Chancellor's office will not be stormed, Kaplan hopes the university will nonetheless heed the call.

"I think if they really put their hearts into it, I think they can do it," he says. "The way students are treated is a reflection of the school. I really can't see the school wanting to lose something that's worked so well."

Planners pursue vision of farmland along Gill Tract

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—With the hope that persistence pays off, a coalition of urban farming advocates is continuing its quest for a Center for Sustainable Farming at the Gill Tract.

The Bay Area Coalition for Urban Agriculture, made up of "32-plus" urban farming and environmental groups, is keeping up the pressure on UC-Berkeley officials with the hope that, at some point, their idea will take hold.

The proposal involves converting the 15-acre Gill Tract at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Buchanan Street into a facility which would combine research, community outreach and education programs, creating a one-of-a-kind urban farming project in the middle of the densely-populated East Bay.

While earlier attempts at gaining an audience received a somewhat chilly response from university officials, the group has, in recent weeks, received letters from both the university's vice president and from soon-to-retire Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien.

The two officials have forwarded the discussion to Dean Gordon Rausser of the College of Natural Resources, the department which currently uses the site. Rausser, in turn, appointed Associate Dean Sharon Fleming to be his spokesperson. And while Fleming was some way from jumping on the bus, the proposal could, in a least some way, shape

or form, be viable, she said.

"If the faculty wants to do urban gardening, that's no problem for us at all," said Fleming, adding that there must be a "vigorous research component." Also, said Fleming, herbicides will indeed be used this year on the historically organically-farmed land.

And while the farm land at the site is at the moment fully-subscribed, research facilities at the Gill Tract are not, Fleming said.

Peter Rosset, coordinator for the coalition, cited the letters as a positive development. "We can only hope things are moving in the right direction," he says.

Ever aware of the need to talk to those on the highest rungs of the UC-Berkeley ladder, the group has also enlisted the help of Berkeley restaurateur Alice Waters (Chez Panisse), a friend of Tien's, and hopes to receive support from, among others, the Oakland City Council and Congressman Ron Dellums.

"I think it would be a fantastic site for a Center for Sustainable Agriculture," said Waters, who hoped Tien might help the proposal along before retirement.

The Gill Tract — one of Albany's defining landmarks — has been valued at \$10 million. While no plans for the site other than the current ones have been announced, the possibility of releasing the land for "external development" has been raised during the community outreach portion of the University Village renovation project.

What Lies Ahead?

After a furious question-and-answer session which seems to have resolved little, Lollini finishes another chapter in the ongoing outreach process.

With no promises to take with them and no more hope than they came with, residents say goodbye to one another and head off to be with their families.

Spatz talks of a forum on welfare and financial aid in April (call LIFEtime, "Low Income Families Empowerment Through Education" at 466-5433). Kathotia has already

left with his wife.

Whether these few comments make their way through the process, from the ear of the planning director through the other departments and on to the Vice Chancellors' Committee and beyond, remains to be seen. Or whether it would even matter as the project must, in the end, support itself.

Beyond that, lies the new Chancellor, and still further, the President of the University.

And, as Lollini says, "At the end of the day, it's the Regents who own the land."

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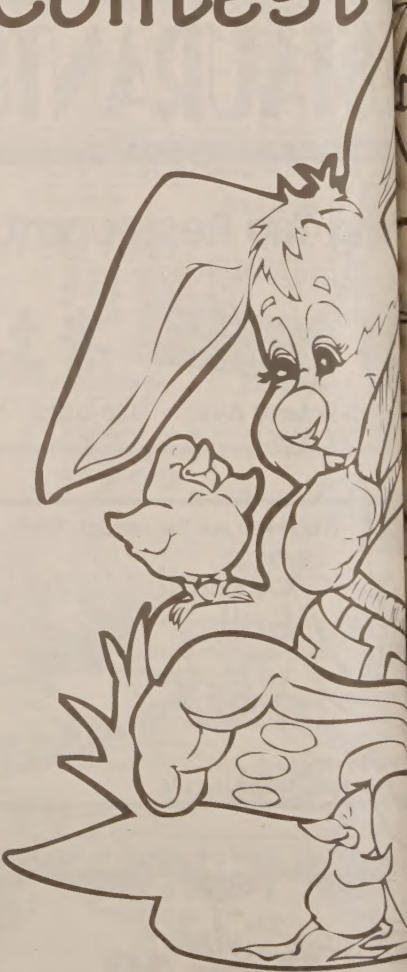
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Rochlin was highly supportive of the Guard and Reserve service when Ramoin was called on short notices. He continued Ramoin's salary and benefits and kept in touch with his family while he was gone.


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Arts & Letters

The passion of Lady Macbeth: an interview with L. Scott Cadwell

Wanda Sabir

had the opportunity to interview L. Scott Cadwell, who is playing the role of Lady Macbeth in the Berkeley Repertory Theatre's production of Macbeth, which closes April 4th. Cadwell brings an interesting interpretation to the role, as a talented actress, but more so as a young African American woman who understands Shakespeare's misunderstood character, Lady Macbeth. Cadwell received a Tony

Award for her role as Bertha Holly in August Wilson's *Joe Turner Come and Gone*, and the Los Angeles Women and Theatre honored her with their Integrity Award.

Her insights into the character are phenomenal and her perspective on the literary classics unique and instructive to lay audiences.

Not many people know about the Lady Macbeth character, who is quite pivotal in the story's development. The role has been cited as one of the best written, and Cadwell brings a lot to this

piece. Cadwell shares her perspective on Macbeth, one of Shakespeare's most misunderstood tragedies, and on Lady Macbeth, a most misunderstood character.

What do you like most about the character you portray?

"...What I like most about Lady Macbeth is her commitment to something. That once she (decides) to do (something) she doesn't stop until it gets done...I admire that because I have trouble completing tasks. ...I have so many things...in my apartment. I

have beads all over, everywhere. I started doing some beading because I wanted to protect myself in the world (of the play) because (the character, Lady Macbeth) has to go through (some dark) places. So I have some amethyst and Coptic crosses, and some other little talismans that I got when I was in South Africa.

"Another thing I like most about her... (is) the way she loves her man... because it's all for him... (Lady Macbeth is) usually seen as

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East Bay Events



Marley, William Neil and Donna DeAmaral perform 'Mamon Lescaut'

Berkeley Opera season open

The Berkeley Opera's 1997 season opens with seven performances of Puccini's first great opera, *Manon Lescaut*, beginning March 21 at the Julia Morgan Theater, 1600 College Avenue, Berkeley. Performances are at 8 pm March 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and April 4 and 5, and at 2 pm March 23 and April 6. Puccini's third opera and first success, *Manon Lescaut*, established the composer's international reputation. Based on Abbe Prevost's 18th-century novel, it was Massenet's earlier opera, *Manon*, which premiered in February 1, 1893. It is a tragic tale of grand passion and regret, full of extravagant and unapologetic but naive extravagance. An upright but naive character, Manon's beauty and simplicity, abandons his

path of virtue to follow her literally to the ends of the earth.

The production is fully staged, with orchestra. It will be sung in Italian, with English supertitles.

The production is directed by Yefim Maizel; Jonathan Khuner is music director and conductor. Roles are double-cast and principals include Donna De Amaral and Jillian Khuner as Manon, James Croom and Fredrick Winthrop as Des Grieux, and William Berges and Richard Goodman as Lescaut.

Tickets are \$26 general admission, \$22 seniors, and \$15 youth (17 and under). Full-time students with I.D. may purchase unsold seats 20 minutes prior to curtain for \$8. Tickets are available at the Willows Theater Box Office. 798-1300.

Sávana Women's Folk Choir

The Slavic Chorus and Sávana Women's Folk Choir will perform a variety of folk songs from Poland, Russia, the former Yugoslavia and other Eastern European countries. Dressed in colorful folk costumes, the groups will sing in native dialects, both a

cappella and accompanied by a folk band on Friday, March 21 at 8 p.m. at the International House Auditorium at 2299 Piedmont Ave.

Tickets are \$7 to \$12 on a sliding scale, students \$5. For information call 530-1567.

The last hurrah in anti-Communist films 'Bitter Sugar' is mildly interesting

By Renata Polt

Leon Ichaso's *Bitter Sugar*, an American-made Spanish-language film, was a hit at the Miami Film Festival.

Small wonder. This black-and-white, small-budget picture must be the last hurrah in anti-Communist film-making, with huge appeal to members of Miami's anti-Castro Cuban refugee community.

For the rest of us, it's over-long but mildly interesting, mainly for the view it gives of life for young people in (presumably) 80's Havana.

The lines of ideology are clearly drawn. Ardent Communist Gustavo

Gustavo struggles against disillusionment with the regime in which punkish teenagers are beaten up and jailed, and ordinary Cubans are thrown out of beach clubs intended exclusively for foreigners bearing dollars.

(René) Lavan of the soap opera, "One Life to Live" is a new graduate of a prestigious school, a star pupil and Cuban "new man." His younger brother Bobby (Larry Villanueva), a "rockero" (rock musician), is a rebel. Their father (Miguel Gutiérrez), an underpaid psychiatrist, is an alcoholic basket case. Gustavo's future seems assured: His teacher tells him that he's in line for a chemistry scholarship to Prague (before the 1989 downfall of Communism in Czechoslovakia, that country was of course an ally of Cuba's).

Except that his departure gets continually delayed, and meanwhile he falls in love with Yolanda (Mayte Vilan, who played in the Sylvester Stallone film, *The Specialist*), a free-spirited dancer who years to leave for Miami. Politically, the lovers are poles apart.

Physically, it's another matter entirely.

Gustavo struggles against disillusionment with the regime in which punkish teenagers are beaten up and jailed, and ordinary Cubans are thrown out of beach clubs intended exclusively for foreigners bearing dollars. As if things weren't bad enough, they rapidly get worse: The father quits his hospital job in favor of a gig playing piano in one of the tourist hotels, Gustavo's scholarship becomes more and more elusive (for reasons that Cubans might understand, but I didn't), and Yolanda is

tempted — or more than tempted — by Italian-bearing dollars and pretty bracelets. As for rocker Bobby, when it comes to the Castroite slogan, "socialism or death," he has an easy time making the choice.

It begins to seem as if Gustavo is the only true believer left. Well, who could be, in a country where you have to line up for everything, even for a hotel room to use for a few hours' love, and where AIDS patients are quarantined in camps? When Gustavo finally sees the light, he does so with a vengeance, and the film's long-delayed conclusion is a melodramatic one.

The film was shot in the Dominican Republic in the city of Santo Domingo. Director/producer/co-writer Ichaso, himself a Cuban refugee, directed *Cross-over Dreams* and co-directed *El Super*, a film that combined com-

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Ansel Adams, photographed in 1933, is featured in the exhibit.

Museum features famous photographers

By David H. Wright

California has always been a leading center for the art of photography; now a small exhibition in the Oakes Gallery of the Oakland Museum adds intriguing depth to the survey included in their permanent exhibition. Some 40 photographs are portraits of the photographers, recording not just their physiognomies but something of their personalities and styles.

Here is the incomparable landscape photographer Carleton Watkins, the man who first documented the majesty of Yosemite Valley in 1861, posing himself around 1883 to show the work of primitive gold mining, rocking and sifting the ore with water from a spring by the side of a dirt road. He was an intrepid adventurer and his horse-drawn darkroom cart shows in the background, but he was never a gold miner.

Then here is Dr. Arnold Genthe, a new Ph.D. in Classics from Jena who came to San Francisco in 1895 as tutor to the son of a German Baron and a California heiress, who fell in love with Chinatown and taught himself photography in order to record it properly; in that way he became the grandfather of street photography as we have known it in recent decades. He is posed stiffly and formally by Laura Adams Armer, in a style the opposite of

the relaxed manner he was then developing for his own very successful career as a society portraitist. Here also is his more casual portrait of the photographer Oscar Maurer, known for his photographs of the Berkeley campus in those years.

The leading pictorialist photographer in California at the beginning of the century was Anne Brigman of Oakland. She is shown in a wistful and intimate pose by Francis Brugiere, looking into a large glass sphere, a prop also used by other pictorialists at the time. Next to this portrait is one of the five issues of Alfred Stieglitz's *Camera Work* in which her photographs were published, here open to a typical fantasy of herself nude emerging from a weathered tree stump as "The Soul of the Blasted Pine," and with it is also a copy of her book *Songs of a PaRan* in which she republished her work 40 years later — in 1949, when her style was long forgotten.

The great Edward Weston's work is shown primarily in its early pictorialist phase, giving only a hint of the strong compositions and sense of pure form he developed a few years later. Johan Hagemeyer wearing a cape in the studio around 1920 looks almost like a bat, while in that year Margrethe Mather posed for an elaborate allegory "Prologue to a

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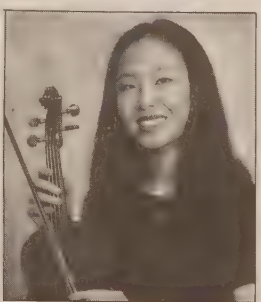
Barbara Chin



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Adam Lee



Peggy Ma



Maheshwara Rao



Raymond Williams

Local students win scholarships, spots on Youth Pops Orchestra

Twenty student musicians from the East Bay will receive \$1,000 scholarships and the opportunity to play in the new Hilltop Youth Orchestra performing at the Hilltop Center March 21-29.

The students were among the most talented musicians from the area who auditioned for the orchestra in January for the Hilltop Youth Orchestra. They will be performing with local and national musicians, producers and directors before performing in the Hilltop Center.

Upon graduation, each of the musicians will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Hilltop.

Local students chosen include:

Barbara Chin (violin), an El Cerrito High School senior from El Cerrito, began playing violin at 7 years old when her father introduced her to the instrument he brought with him when he came to the United States. She's considering a career in medicine, music or psychology and hopes to attend college in the University of California system. Outside of

school, she competes for Windmill Gymnastics and is an avid, self-confessed Disney fan.

Derek Jacoby (trumpet), an El Cerrito senior from Richmond, began playing piano eight years ago and later switched to trumpet. He presently plays with the Young People's Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Grammy High School All-Star Jazz Band. He's received citations for his performances at all of the jazz festivals he's attended over the last two years. He hopes to teach music

after studying at Berklee College of Music in Boston or at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Adam Lee (baritone sax), an El Cerrito High School senior from El Cerrito, comes from a musical family where both of his maternal grandparents were professional musicians. Lee plays in a jazz combo and has also mastered alto sax and bass. He hopes to pursue legal studies in college and then become an FBI special agent.

Peggy Ma (violin), an El Cerrito senior from Richmond, has

been studying the violin for seven years and also plays clarinet. She says her inspiration has come from Jascha Heifetz's "profound expressions and articulations." She plays in her school symphonic band and hopes to play in a college orchestra.

Maheshwara Rao (keyboard), an El Cerrito High School freshman from Richmond, began his keyboard training on a Toys-R-Us piano when he was 5 years old. A runner-up in the Club Mendelssohn Annual Scholarship

Competition and a member of his school band, Rao plays alto sax and baritone sax as well as keyboard. Although only a freshman, he's already set his sights on a career as an aeronautical engineer and astronaut.

Raymond Williams (alto sax), an El Cerrito High School freshman from Richmond, has been playing instruments — including keyboard, drum and harmonica — for six years. He plays in his school concert, jazz and marching bands

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Cadwell

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a cold conniving bitch...out for herself, that she wanted (the Scottish) crown (for herself), but I'm convinced that she wanted it for (her husband) and she knew he didn't know how to get it for himself."

On love and the "largeness" of the classical world of literature...

"I think that's why we don't know what love means anymore, because the words we use to describe and express it, fail.... They're not big enough...yet there are people that (still) get so hooked into another person...(that they) don't want to live without them, can't live without them...won't live without them...and that emotion is so big...that we can't absorb it in a regular play. It doesn't touch you, can't touch you in the same way because there's not any room for the bigness of it, (the emotional experience) in a regular play.

"But in these plays, Shakespeare's Macbeth, or Silas Jones' American Medea, etc., (there is room to express) an emotion that sometimes words don't allow you to express. ...Classical plays give an actor the words, (creates the situations that allow emotional tension between characters) who are then able to express (big things.)

"It's a lot like opera. You may not understand the words...like sister Leontine Price, I just love her and I don't understand Italian...German — just a couple of words here and there, but I understand what she's saying. I understand the passion, this love that she has, this pain she has...this anguish she has. ...You can

understand it...and it touches you on a level that has nothing to do with you getting it real.

"And Aretha Franklin is like that for me (too), although it's on a (more) real level.... The way she sings 'I ain't never loved a man the way that I love you....' Now when she sings those words, they're more than just those words, you can understand it. You feel it, it touches you because (of the) bigness in how she expresses (those emotions). That's what I'm...really diggin' about doing this, (Macbeth), because it's big. It's big."

Why see Macbeth?

"The reason for coming to see anything is because it has something in it that speaks to you. People might not know if Macbeth has anything in it that speaks to them, but I think that Shakespeare's a wonderful writer, and I think that this production has some wonderful actors in it. And it's a good story — dead bodies lying all over every place, lots of blood. We've got it all...sex, violence. You don't have to go to the movies. This production resonates in that way because it does have a lot of sensuality, sexuality, violence.... Characters are moved to take big violent actions (because) they believe strongly about something. ...Macbeth has something for the modern audience."

William Shakespeare's Macbeth runs through April 4 at the Berkeley

Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley, CA, 845-4700. Tickets

are priced between \$30-\$39, with student, senior, and group discounts available.

Exhibit

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Sad Spring." The next year Tina Modotti posed for a more elegant and planar composition "The Batik Gown."

And the following year Imogene Cunningham made a highly romantic portrait of Weston and Mather as "Lovers" — just before Weston abandoned both Mather and his wife and went off to Mexico with Tina Modotti. It was there and in the next few years that he became the formidable perfectionist we all know. The exhibition has several photographers' homage to him, including an ingenious "portrait" of him in 1940 by the curator and historian Beaumont Newhall, who photographed a section of the stove and shelves in his kitchen to suggest the simplicity both of his photographic style and of his life style.

The most important homage to Weston was the formation of Group f.64 in 1932 and their exhibition at the de Young Museum. Weston was the figure head, Ansel Adams was a leading force, but the real organizer was the young Willard Van Dyke, recently a student at UC Berkeley. Ironically, it was in Anne Brigman's former

studio at 683 Brockhurst that they held their meetings, and where Van Dyke photographed Adams lost in thought in 1933.

A better record of the group is Peter Stackpole's photograph of Van Dyke with his 8-inch by 10-inch view camera set on a tripod high in the mountains. Stackpole, perhaps best known for his record of the building of the Bay Bridge, went on the photograph for Life magazine, but Van Dyke, who had been doing excellent work partly indebted to Weston but also recalling Charles Sheeler, out of his deep social commitment soon turned to making documentary movies. He was a camera man for Pare Lorenz's *The River* in 1937 and two years later made (with Ralph Steiner) *The City*, perhaps the greatest of all the New Deal propaganda movies.

The exhibition continues with photographs of Dorothea Lange and photographs of and by Imogen Cunningham. Among others there is excellent work by Judy Dater and some fine examples of Joan Murray's continuing series of portraits of her photographer friends. Above all, this is a welcome reminder of the long record of creative ferment among Bay Area photographers.

Orchestra

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and was named "outstanding music student" in his eighth-grade class last year. He hopes to combine architectural studies at California State University in Hayward with his love for music and art.

To help develop the Hilltop Youth Pops Orchestra, the center has engaged a national production team that includes producer Phillip Caston, President of Denver based Caston Productions, Ltd. and President of Youth Pops America Foundation, a nonprofit foundation formed to benefit talented young musicians

throughout the country. Executive Director Dick Bright, a veteran musical director of four Youth Pops Orchestras, is a band leader, actor and musical director, who has worked with stars such as Robin Williams, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett and James Brown.

The orchestra will be under the musical direction of Larry Batiste and assistant musical director Wayne Organ. Larry is a singer-songwriter and a member of San Francisco's Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra. Wayne is chair of the music department at Contra Costa College in San Pablo.

Hilltop is located on Hilltop Drive in Richmond, west of I-80.

Berkeley TV—Channel 25

Berkeley Community Media (B-TV). Channel 25 evening programming repeats the following morning. Programming not listed; please check on-air program guide.

Thursday March 20, 1997
First Time Access Producers - 6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.
UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism: CNS News - 6:30 p.m.
Council Connection (LIVE) - 7 p.m.
XTV (experimental tv) - 7:30 p.m.
Video Feedback - 8:30 p.m.
This is India - 9 p.m.
Conversations on International Affairs: Shaping Russia's Transformation - 9:30 p.m.
Senior Information Journal - 10:30 p.m.

Friday March 21, 1997
First Time Access Producers - 6 p.m.
Dance Chance Presents - 6:30 p.m.
Video Pal Italia: Easter in Italy Part 3 - 7 p.m.
Wee Poets - 7:30 p.m.
A Touch of A Poet (episode 8) - 8 p.m.
Bay Area Country Videos - 8:30 p.m.
Live from Berkeley High (repeat) - 9 p.m.
The GOOD News - 9:30 p.m.
Radical Access - 10:30 p.m.
Berkeley Bargain Basement - 11 p.m.

Saturday March 22, 1997
Who's In My Kitchen? - 6 p.m.
On The Move - 6:30 p.m.
The Coffeehouse - 7 p.m.
Bay Views - 7:30 p.m.
A Little Latin Music - 8:30 p.m.
A Boy & His Dog - 10 p.m.
Live with Rick Sylvain - 11 p.m.
Video Rock Central - 11:30 p.m.

Sunday March 23, 1997
City Council Meeting from 3/18/97 - 9 a.m.
BUSD School Board Meeting (repeat from 3/19/97) - 9 a.m.
Rent Stabilization Board Meeting (repeat from 3/19/97) - 6 p.m.

Monday March 24, 1997
First Time Access Producers - 6 p.m.
Mystic Cross - 6:30 p.m.
Fortie: Rebecca Rizzo - 7:30 p.m.
Berkeley Housing Update - 7:30 p.m.
Culture Shock: Poet, Teacher: Peri & Stacy Thomas - 8:30 p.m.
Senior Information Journal: Osteoporosis Prevention Management - 9 p.m.
Art & Education Media - 9 p.m.
Radical Access - 11:30 p.m.
Video Rock Central - 11:30 p.m.

Tuesday March 25, 1997
First Time Access Producers - 6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.
Festival by the Lake - 7:30 p.m.
The Intrepid Berkeley Explorer: Mayavision - 8 p.m.
The Coffeehouse - 8 p.m.
News from the Front - 10 p.m.
Prime Exposure - 10 p.m.

Wednesday March 26, 1997
First Time Access Producers - 6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.
On The Move - 7 p.m.
Berkeley Gray Panthers - 7:30 p.m.
The GOOD News - 8 p.m.
This is India - 9 p.m.
Michael Parenti Talks - 9 p.m.

Sugar

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edy with realism. That touch of comedy is what's missing from *Bitter Sugar*, together with sharper pacing and less obvious plotting. The film opens March 21st at San Francisco's Lumiere Cinema and other locations to be announced.

The weekend of the film also see the debut of the Women's Film Festival. Francisco's Roxie Cinema names like Monica Pelletier, Friedrich, and Kate Harrington a bell with you, these and the other films and some 30 films and video: narrative, documentary, experimental, animated — may be car-winners of tomorrow can find out at the Roxie Friday night to Sunday afternoon. For program information the theater at (415) 863-6666 send an email holster2@aol.com.

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Goings On About Town

Media Production: 1-5 p.m.; video practice of multimedia at Vista Community College, Berkeley; \$96; Mar. 21;

Drumming: 7 pm; Fellowship of University of California, 1606 Bonita St. (at Berkeley); free; Julie Bidou, 526-06972

In the Bible: 9:30-10:30 am; Berkeley Fellowship of University of California, 1606 Bonita St. (at Berkeley); free; Charlotte

Education Tea: 2 pm; Fellowship of University of California, 1606 Bonita St. (at Berkeley); Sandy Decker, 526-06972

Community Events

Travel Video: 1 pm; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst at Berkeley; 644-6107

Math Fair: 4:30-6:30 pm; open house from math organization, curriculum, and achievement Hall of Science, Berkeley; 526-06972

Country Western Line: 7 pm; North Berkeley Senior Center at MLK Way, Berkeley; 644-6107

City Players: 10:30 am; open house for children and families; Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. (at Ashby); Berkeley; \$2 kids, \$4 adults; 841-8361

For the Mentally Ill: 7:30 pm; Schizophrenia Association; open house; University of California, 2401 LeConte at Searsville; Berkeley; 841-8361

Awareness Month: in County; for info about donating blood or scheduling a blood test; call 568-FOOD

all that Heals: all day; travel agency; fun for children and families; Memorial; Berkeley's Civic Center, 1931 Center St., Berkeley; Mar. 23; 644-6484

War Memorabilia: Thur.; Berkeley Historical Society; open house; Memorial Building, 1931 Center St.; Berkeley; free; 848-0181

Mar. 21
David Martin Paintings: opening reception 7-9 pm; Sticks Gallery, 1579B Solano Ave., Berkeley; through May 21; 526-6603

Mar. 22
Judy Poldi- New Works and Acrylics: Tues.-Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. noon-5 pm; Albany Arts Gallery, 1251 Solano Ave., Albany; 526-9558

Ongoing
A Level Playing Field- Astroturf Art: Woth Ryder Gallery, Kroeber Hall, U.C. Berkeley; through Mar. 21; 642-6000 university info line

Spectrum-Woodblock through Microchips: opens today; Tues.-Sun. 1-5 p.m.; Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; through March 29; 665-9496

A Gentle Plea for Chaos: 2-5 p.m.; Werner Hisling; Cecile Mooschnek Gallery 1809D Fourth St. (upstairs), Berkeley; through March 30; 549-1018

Big Tools and the Women Who Use Them: 12-5 p.m. Weds.-Sun.; Katherine Aoki; The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park; reception on Feb. 23, 2-4 p.m.; free; through March 29; 644-6893

Campus Series: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; by Dah; Espresso Roma Cafe Gallery, 1549 Hopkins St., Berkeley; through Apr. 3; 528-8010

Berkeley Art Museum: 2626 Bancroft Way; "Masterworks of Greek and Roman Art from the Phoebe Hearst Museum," through Apr. 20; Hiroshi Sugimoto—photographs, through Apr. 6; 642-0808 for 24-hour info

"Forging an Identity: The Art of the Yeminite Silversmiths": Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., through Apr.; 549-6950

"Liquid Gold-California's Water": presented by Water Resources Center at Bernice Layne Brown Gallery, Doe Library, UC Berkeley; through Mar. 30; 642-2666

"My Family's Routes and Roots": Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.; through Apr.; 549-6950

Richmond Art Center: 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza; "Beyond Boundaries: The North American Printmaking Exhibition"; sculpture by Diana Pumpelly Bates; "The Art of Living Black," Bay Area Artists' Open Studios Exhibition; through Mar. 22; 620-6772

Sacred Mandalas: The Art and Books of Tibet, Dharma Publishing Art Gallery, 2910 San Pablo Ave.; through Apr. 26; 548-5407

Tattoo Ephemeria: The Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave.; through Apr.; 548-5895

Lectures and Workshops

Mar. 20
Tapping into Your Hidden Job Market: 1:30 pm; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; members free, non-members \$3; 848-6370

Drop-in Support Groups: 4-5 pm; for job-seekers and career changers; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; members \$5, non-members \$10; 848-6370

Hetch Hetchy- The Untold Story: noon; discussion group with Gray Brechin; Lewis-Latimer Room, The Faculty Club, UC Berkeley campus, Berkeley; 642-6000 general info-line

Mountaineering in Peru and Bolivia: 7 pm; alpinist and photographer Doug Ward; REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 527-4140

Capitals of Culture: 7:30 pm; Prof. Robert Brentano, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Century Rome; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$15; 848-6370

Living History-WASPs: 11 am; talk by women airforce service pilots of WWII; Kensington 55+ Center, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146

Health Practice in Fiji- A Woman's Experience: 7:30 pm; Hia Thein, native of Myanmar; International House Home Room, 2299 Piedmont Ave. at the east end of Bancroft Way; \$2/free; 642-9460

European Integration- What Future for Europe and the U.S.: 10 am-noon; City Commons Club, Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; \$5; 848-3533

Mar. 21
Challenges in Berkeley Education: 12:30 pm; Jack McLaughlin, Superintendent, Berkeley Unified School District; City Commons Club, Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 848-3533

Mar. 22
Money and Spirit: 10 am-5 pm; First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington; \$30; Tony; 272-9915

National Association of Retired Employees: 1 pm; "Medical Emergencies," Albany Unit Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany

Turning Point Career Center: 1:30 pm; job search resources orientation; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; members free, non-members \$3; 848-6370

Mar. 26
Helping Elders Access Resources: 1 pm; Christmas in April and Berkeley Home Repair; South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., Berkeley; 644-8978

Literary Events and Readings

Mar. 20
Pamela Eakins: 7:30 pm; Priestess, w/ Vernal Equinox Ritual; Gaia Bookstore and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA

Judith Barrington: 7:30 pm; *Writing the Memoir- From Truth to Art*; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Mar. 21
The Next to Last Roundup: 7:30 pm; an evening at the music hall; Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley; \$10/\$7; 548-2153

Joan Marler: 7:30 pm; *From the Realm of the Ancestors- An Anthology in*

Honor of Marija Gimbutas; Gaia Bookstore and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA

Mar. 22
The Poet's Dinner: 6:15 pm; Lee Williams; Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley; \$17; 841-1217

Paula Naomi Friedman and Sora Counts: 2 pm; The Nexus gallery, 2707 Eighth St. (at Carleton), Berkeley; 549-0703

Mar. 23
Armando B. Rendon: 7 pm; author of *Chicano Manifesto*, book signing party and reading; Ecology Center Bookstore, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; free; 548-3402

Mar. 24
Easy Going's Armchair Traveler Reading Group: 7:30 pm; *In Patagonia*; Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$10; 843-3533

John Lancaster: 6:00 pm; *The Debito Pleasure*; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Laurie King: 7:30 pm; *A Letter of Mary*; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Mar. 25
Neil M. Levy: 7:30 pm; *Micronesia Handbook*; Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; free; 843-3533

Dennis McFarland: 7:30 pm; *The Face at the Window*; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Mar. 26
Nancy Huddleson Packer: 7:30 pm; *Jealous-Hearted Me*; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Music

Mar. 20
Thoth CD Release Concert: 7:30 pm; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$10/\$8; 849-2568

Judy Fjell w/ Crystal Reeves: 8 pm; CD release party; Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley; 548-1761

That One Guy: 8:30 pm; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; no cover; 510/THE-TAPS

Gonzalo Rubalcaba Trio: 8 & 10 pm; Cubano piano virtuoso; Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland; \$18 Tues.-Thurs., \$20 Fri.-Sat.; 652-9200

Thumb of the Maid/C.O.B.: 9:30 pm; The Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$3; 841-2082

Mar. 21
Jon Fromer: 8 pm; Western Workers Labor Heritage festival; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; sliding scale \$5-15

Yale Slavic Chorus: 8 pm; International House Auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave. at the east end of Bancroft Way; \$7-12, sliding scale \$5 students; 530-1567

Berkeley H.S. Jazz Band Spring Concert: 7:30 pm; The Little Theater, Berkeley H.S.; \$8 general, \$3 students and seniors

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The East Bay Singers: 7 pm; free Spring choral concert; 2951 Derby St., Berkeley (east of College)

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seniors' need for sleep does not change, their sleep patterns do. The body's biological clock advances so they feel sleepy earlier in the evening and wake up earlier in the morning.

Sleeplessness in seniors is also often associated with medical problems such as chronic pain, heart disease and other ailments.

Better Sleep Council offers these tips:

- Exercise 20 to 30 minutes, three days a week – but not too close to bedtime. Take a walk. Getting natural daylight will help you sleep better at night.

- Regulate naps. Long afternoon naps may interfere with nighttime sleep patterns. If you need a nap, don't sleep longer than 30 minutes.

- Check medications. Some may interfere with sleep. Check with your physician.

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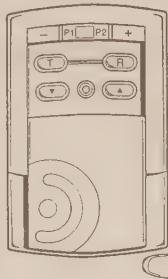
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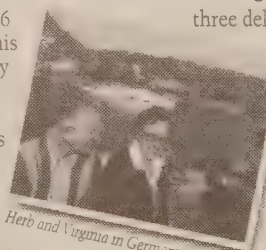
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ryone who meets him is enchanted by his courtly manners along with his vignettes. Frank served under General Pershing during the "Great War" (W.W.I.) and was awarded medals including the Order of the Purple Heart. He had been honorably wounded in military action. What I find intriguing is his keen knowledge of the

stock market. Although his profession was as a builder and brick contractor, he started trading securities in 1936! It had been his practice prior to moving to Mercy to take the bus to his brokerage firm, weather permitting. Frank spent so much time at the office that he was assigned a computer, and a small office, so he was able to check the Dow Jones and NASDAQ's averages whe-

never necessary. Needless to say, he is their oldest client and one who always has some strong opinions and predictions gleaned from his 61 years of market involvement. Frank LoForti proves to all of us that age is nothing to fear. If we follow Frank's lifestyle of taking care of our health with lots of walking and stimulating interests we can live long, creative lives.



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felt a sharp pain in her back. A few days later, she visited a bone specialist who explained that the noise she

heard was the collapse of several vertebrae in her spine.

Helen was diagnosed as having osteoporosis, a thinning of the bones which makes them weaker and allows them to break more easily. Helen's condition, as described in Dr. Morris Notelovitz's book, *Menopause And Midlife Health*, affects approximately one in four postmenopausal women. Osteoporosis is often called a silent disease because it develops without symptoms.

Everyone loses some bone mass after age 40. But menopausal women lose bone mass fastest. Estrogen deficiency is responsible for at least 75 percent of the bone

lost in the first 20 years after menopause. This accelerated loss can lead to osteoporosis. The bones of the spine, wrists and hips are affected most often. In general, the risk of hip fractures increases as you get older.

Women who are likely to develop osteoporosis often have the following characteristics: White or Asian race, slim build, cigarette smokers, family history of osteoporosis in a mother, sister or aunt, and early menopause, often because their ovaries were removed during an operation.

There is no cure for osteoporosis, but there are measures to help prevent it. A diet high in calcium and a regular program of weight-bearing exercise (such as walking or running for an hour, two or three times a week) can slow down or prevent further bone loss. Health-care providers have recognized that estrogen plays an important role in helping to prevent osteoporosis. Therefore, in addition to a high calcium diet and regular exercise, your health-care provider may prescribe estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) for you. ERT cannot restore bone that is already lost, but it can protect against further bone loss and reduce the risk of osteoporosis-related fractures. Estrogen therapy has reduced the incidence of hip and wrist fractures by 60 percent in some medical studies.

ERT is not for every woman. Discuss with your health-care provider whether it's right for you. There are possible side effects with estrogen. One is an increased risk of cancer of the uterus. Estrogens should not be used during pregnancy, or if you've had abnormal vaginal bleeding or abnormal blood clotting. Advise your health-care provider if you've had heart disease or cancer of the breast or uterus.

Osteoporosis contributes to more than a million fractures a year and costs the health-care system about \$10 billion annually. A woman can expect to live as much as a third of her life after menopause. And women today want to live it in good health. Osteoporosis can be a serious condition if not prevented.

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Martin Snapp

Remembrance Day: Otis Darden was the kind of young man any city would be proud of. A graduate of Berkeley High (class of '66), he was friendly, outgoing, and always had a kind word for everyone. His classmates especially remember how he'd go out of his way to look out for younger kids.

Like his older brother, Charles, he had a real aptitude for music. At Berkeley High, he sang with The Harmonizers.

After graduation, he was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam. On Feb. 3, 1968, he was killed by enemy gunfire. By cruel coincidence, it was his 20th birthday.

Otis Darden was one of 22 Berkeley citizens who died in that war. (The others: Paul Bowman, Donald Brown, Phillip Callan, Kenneth Cameron, Erskine Crump, Thomas Duggan, Donald Gasser, Allen Harano, Michael Hare, Frederick Henderson, Daryl Ligons, Gary Mabrey, Charles Mullan, Brandt Neubacher, Rex Parcels, Winfield Sisson, Esmond Snell, John Waller, James West, Shojiro Yamashita and Zoltan Kovacs.)

Otis Darden would have been 49 years old today if he had lived. He probably would have fallen in love, gotten married, had kids, and made a positive and lasting contribution to our community. But he never got the chance.

And for those who knew him, the pain never goes away. His sister, Charlene Darden Baker, still misses those late-night Monopoly games they used to play until 3 or 4 in the morning. His classmate, Gwen Hilliard, still misses those wonderful conversations and his radiant smile.

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In 1995, Darden and the other 21 Berkeleyans who fell in Vietnam were honored with a bronze plaque in front of Berkeley's Veterans' Memorial Building. This afternoon they'll be honored again, when "The Wall That Heals" — a traveling half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. — makes a 3-day appearance in Berkeley's Civic Center Park.

Jan Scruggs, the Vietnam veteran who started the original drive to build The Wall in Washington, will be today's keynote speaker. A bagpiper will play "Amazing Grace," and wreaths will be laid in honor of American women and merchant seamen who died in the war.

Mike Sherman, Chair of the city's Peace & Justice Commission will speak, as will Otis Darden's niece, Victoria Hunter. And Berkeley firefighter Kim Larson, who was drafted along with Darden back in 1967 (and went through basic training with him at Ft. Lewis, Washington), will read the names of the 22 Berkeley Vietnam War dead.

It's a long-overdue healing of old wounds, starting with the two people who have been spearheading the project, Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean and singer/activist Country Joe McDonald.

Time was when Dean's name was anathema to the left, and McDonald's was equally abhorrent to the right in Berkeley. But they're working together now for the greater good, and it's an example we all should follow.

A few weeks ago I mentioned that the project was still short a few thousand dollars. (Mostly for portable toilets. Believe it or not, a single port-a-let costs \$86 per day to rent.) They're still a little short, but not as much — thanks to a hefty donation from the People's Life Fund, a group of war resisters.

On the other side, the R.O.T.C. from Cal is supplying an Honor Guard to stand by The Wall 24 hours per day.

In addition, local Vietnam veterans will provide round-the-clock security, and counselors from the Oakland and Concord Veterans' Administration offices will be on hand to provide counseling or therapy to any vets who need it. "It's another case of vets helping vets," says Country Joe, a Navy veteran himself.

And during The Wall's entire 3-day stay, there will be a continuous reading of the names of all the 58,212 Americans who died in that ghastly war. You are invited to visit any time you want, no matter what time of day, until The Wall leaves on Sunday.

If you can't visit, check out the Berkeley Vietnam Memorial Web Site on the Internet (<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/vvm>). You'll find out a lot more about Otis Darden and the other 21.

And, in a way, you might also find yourself. Otis Darden and the others died for us. There, but for the grace of God, go we.

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P.S. I said before that Otis never got a chance to make a contribution, but that's not really true. After his death, the federal government paid some insurance money to his family. It came to about \$1,000 for each child. His older brother, Charles (the one who shared Otis' love for music) used his thousand bucks to start the Berkeley Free Orchestra. And that grew into what is now the Berkeley Symphony!

Otis Darden also left another legacy. One of the postings on the Berkeley Vietnam Memorial Web Site is this message from a currently serving Army officer:

"The very reason I serve as a commissioned infantry officer today is because of my proud uncle, Otis was my hero." — Capt. Darryl C. Darden, U.S. Army.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Voice. Write Martin c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley 94705, phone him at (510) 273-9039, or e-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org or Catman1@creative.net

Park

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Clement Shute, the attorney who defended Berkeley against Santa Fe. "During these negotiations I think we've built up a level of trust that did not exist before, and I think that will serve us well as we go along," Shute said.

Park authorities will be working with Catellus during the next year to remove construction debris, including lead paint and lead piping, as required by the Water Quality Control Board. Park district manager Bob Doyle said that some debris must still remain, since the park sits on a landfill and without it "there would be no park." Once cleanup is over in 1998, a new round of community meetings will probably convene to discuss park details. Bates credited citizen input with making the park possible in the first place.

"A whole lot of luck and a whole lot of people refusing to accept 'no' means we're going to get a 'yes' in the long run," he said.

Ritz

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said she always felt good about their partnership as mayor and chair of the council.

The moment the council had completed their roll call of commentary, Ritz tearfully begged to be excused and received a standing ovation as she left.

Numerous citizens used open commentary time to express their admiration for Ritz, knowing it would bite into their allotted three minutes. Tom Stark said that he felt a "deep, personal regret" at the loss of Ritz' voice on the council, noting that "she listened and considered the merits of the arguments presented even by those she personally disliked and disagreed with."

"Mae was tired of the confrontations," Bartke said. "The name calling and the contentiousness was the straw on the camel's back for Mae."

Ritz' announcement came without warning, hence a replacement for her has yet to be found.

Plaza

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EIP's \$75,000 bid will be paid by Wilton/Terranomics.

Mohindroo then showed slides of both his original Plan A and a newer Plan B which came as a result of input from citizens, and before and after shots of other retail center redevelopment projects he had worked on.

The architect's new plan calls for several changes which will enhance the use of the creek bordering the project's southwest side and improve access to the town square. Parking along streets will be indented from the roadway to keep crosswalks narrow, sidewalks will be broadened to allow for sidewalk cafes, and housing will have front porches facing the plaza.

"The common thread was to develop a grid pattern to correct the enormous scale down to a more manageable scale by taking on the characteristics of the immediate surroundings," Mohindroo said.

Under the new plans, there will be a 100-foot wide "no build" zone on either side of the creek to protect the environment, the Lucky store will be in a new location and the entertainment and general retail shops clustered. Attention was also paid to citizens' concerns about retaining existing tenants and maintaining retail activity while the project is under construction. Development costs and rents would go up significantly under the new plan — "in the millions" according to Lyons

Hill

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\$75,000 per parcel — if it wishes, or buy the whole property for \$1.6 million.

Burke was recently granted a lot-line adjustment by the Planning Commission to bring the property into conformance with Measure K. Measure K sets a limit of between six and nine units per acre on the hill.

The city, on the other hand, would rather merge the property into one lot so that any development could be reviewed as a whole. COMAC Land Company, which owns the property, has objected to the move on 11 separate counts in a letter to the city. Although legal actions could follow, Burke said he would rather avoid such complications.

"That's not the way, I think, either side wants to do it," he said.

The city has also been in contact with a representative of the Golden Gate property, reputed to be owned by "nine families" in Hong Kong. The families "would be willing to discuss the potential for acquisition by the City," says a staff report submitted Monday night, although no immediate moves appear to be in the works.

Board

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after the new middle school is completed.

Architect Kerch, following a district committee's request to shave at least \$1.2 million off the proposed school's budget, presented the board with a slimmed-down version of its middle school. The tightening of the school's belt included a smaller gymnasium, the elimination of bleachers and changing four classrooms to modular units. Kerch's architectural firm is Deems, Lewis and McKinley.

Kerch said he was concerned with added inflationary costs the district would have to face if the project was delayed much longer.

The district plans on using part of a \$31.6 million bond measure passed in 1993 to construct the new middle school. The district also plans to finance other major projects including the likely reconstruction of Albany High School, which has been declared seismically unsafe. The district is actively seeking any and all funding sources to supplement budgets for various projects.

The board has not made a final decision on either the proposed middle school site plan or the budget.

At the center of the conflict is a political face-off between two groups holding conflicting views on how the new middle school should look and how much it should cost.



Off with his hair!

Nile Godfrey, seated, Albany's Safeway store manager, kept his promise to his 100 employees to shave off his hair when the store was credited with three of the highest scores possible in a survey of shoppers who critiqued service in the store. Doing the deed — and looking like he's doing it — is Rob Machado who works in the produce department.

— but the trade-off seems to be better meeting the needs of El Cerritos.

Anticipating Lyon's admission concerning cost figures, resident Peter Loubal continued his vocal protest of the Agency's alleged poor reportage, citing lack of specific figures in the plans as offered to the public. "Wilton/Terranomics, like many other developers, seems quite capable of proposing and producing an attractive Plaza alternative, given enough city or agency provided funding," Loubal said.

"The only real question is how this will be financed. The 'Version B' W/T proposal does not explain this and therefore makes no economic sense. El Cerrito citizens cannot make an informed judgment without comprehensive and reliable benefit and cost data. The Agency claims the project will cost taxpayers \$2.9 million via an obviously flawed and untenable spreadsheet. The actual cost could easily be off by a decimal point, say \$29 million."

Loubal also wondered if the Agency was intending to "gentrify the south end of town and destroy the north." He also questioned why there were apparently no plans for a theatre given that the majority of citizens had requested a multiplex for the site.

While residents mostly applauded the architect's attempts to meet the needs of the community, the arguments over the location of adjacent housing and the project's central plaza or town square continued.

Janet Abelson, representing the needs of the disabled community, congratulated the council for including people to be included in the decision-making process, but reminded them that merely being in touch with the Americans with Disabilities Act does not mean that the needs of the disabled community may not go far enough to meet the needs of the disabled community. She called for curb cuts and special consideration of elevations and in the new plan.

"The devil is in the details," said Tom Lyons regarding the ongoing debate over housing the plaza. "The size, scale and character of the plaza and other architectural considerations must be taken into account. El Cerrito has very limited commercial zoning and if housing is built, it will forever lose potential tax revenues."

Transit considerations from both ACT and BART are hoping the project will include open space, a plaza and town square from San Pablo, and who are adamant about the need for similar transit from the BART station to attract customers and encourage transit use, were also discussed.

Lyons asked the Agency to make its decision between Plan A and Plan B soon so the decision would more easily scout potential clients at a meeting in Monterey next month. Lyons said he would like to see the Agency with a complete economic impact study project in six weeks.

too many. "...there should be no more development on Albany Hill, ever, at any time," said Arnold.

Albany Realtor Jerome Blank advised the city on more technical aspects of the matter.

For example, Blank said, with the one-acre property at the end of Madison Street, cost improvements such as an extension of the lines, curbs, gutters and utilities would be a factor which might rob the property of its profit potential. He said those improvements taken into consideration when the land was sold.

"I'm saying that you should be able to get a very low price," Blank said. According to the report, the appraisal should be completed in a few weeks. Burke repeated his previous offer, "I would take 'a hundred years' for the city to have every last bit of land on the hill."

Fitzgerald said the city "should play very well with Mr. Burke," and that the point of passing R was not to make such compromises. Many audience agreed.

As no action was recommended, the council will hear more comments on Saturday.

constantly cut things when state and federal governments are able to obtain money for prisons.

Parent David Farrell said he wanted the district to build a first-class middle school and asked the district to "step back from the expedient solutions and do a 30-year vision."

The district faces difficult decisions as it juggles two major projects including the construction of a new high school and middle school. The district is also pressured by state mandates requiring such changes as smaller class sizes and additional construction of facilities for children.

"It's tough, it's really tough to whittle it down," Superintendent Dale Hudson about the school district.

"It's been a real challenge," he said. "We're trying to be able to build a good middle school with the resources that we're near. At some point you have to move from your dream budget or your moral budget and look at the reality of the facility and go to actually construct."

• **Albany School Board meetings, Cornelia** March 25, 7:30 p.m.: Includes further discussion of proposed renovations and reconstruction of High School; March 26, 7 p.m.: Further analysis of proposed new middle school.

Berkeley girls NorCal champs

It'll be the No. 1 Yellowjackets facing Crenshaw in Anaheim at The Pond for the state title

By Mac Montandon

In the 1986 film "Hoosiers," depicting high school basketball in Indiana, the players and coaches spoke reverently about making it down state for the state finals. It was the greatest honor, symbolizing dedication and faith in a team concept. This week, Berkeley takes off toward

NorCal Basketball Girls Division I Championship

Berkeley	56
Monte Vista	39

Hollywood.

Pack your bags Berkeley girls basketball fans, the Yellowjackets are heading south for Saturday's Division I state final against Crenshaw of Los Angeles (27-3).

Berkeley earned the trip to Anaheim's Arrowhead Pond, by beating Monte Vista (Lafayette) last Saturday, 56-39, in the championship game of the Northern California playoffs at the Arco Arena in Sacramento.

It was the first NorCal title for Berkeley since 1991, which was also the last year it won the state finals.

The deep, determined Jackets (28-3) followed a now familiar postseason script in wearing down Monte Vista and defeating the Mustangs for the third time in four meetings this year. Berkeley also beat Monte Vista March 8, 55-31, to capture the North Coast Section title.

Last Saturday, the Jackets turned a one-point halftime deficit into a commanding, 40-28 lead after three quarters, pulling away as its bench strength began to assert itself.

"That's why we're as good as we are," coach Gene Nakamura said. "We have so many good players."

Nakamura's club received offensive production at every posi-

tion with center Shavaki Jackson's 21 points leading the way. Forward Aisha Hollans smoothly went for 14, and guard Pashen Bagsby slashed for 10 more.

But it is on defense that the Jackets excel. In their three NorCal games, the 39 points in the final were the most they allowed.

Point guard Coriel Davis again initiated the tough defensive stand Saturday, often sticking to Vista's point guard, Nicole Logan, from baseline to baseline.

Additionally, Davis expertly ran Berkeley's offense, and, though one of the smaller players on the court, grabbed several key rebounds.

Reserve Nycole Brown helped the Jackets' defensive effort, making two third quarter steals to propel a 19-5 run to close the quarter.

"Coriel Davis has done an incredible job on defense all season," Nakamura said, "I've been very impressed with her play all year,

State Title

Girls Division I, Saturday, 6 p.m.

California State Championship
Girls Division I
Berkeley (28-3) vs. Crenshaw (L.A.) (27-3)
Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim
Saturday, 6 p.m., Bay-TV

and she's just a sophomore." Youth plays more of a role overall on this year's NorCal champs, than it did for the '91 team, which was a solid, veteran club. The '97 Jackets also rely more on size and depth. Until

96-97 Berkeley Girls Division I NorCal champs

Player Height Grade

Michelle Brewer	5-4	Sr
Lorin Kagehiro	5-8	Jr
Nycole Brown	5-10	Fr
Flora Keilch	5-10	Jr
Tatiana Newman	5-5	Fr
Aisha Hollans	5-9	Fr
Pashen Bagsby	5-6	Sr
Allison Nowak	5-9	Jr
Takisha Wright	5-7	Jr
Deonna Sayles	5-10	Sr
Coriel Davis	5-7	Soph
Shavaki Jackson	6-4	Sr
Sonya Jubb	5-10	Soph
Valerie Harvey	5-10	Sr
Charicka Davis	6-0	Sr

'We'll have to see in the championship game, how this team plays with poise and pride.'

— GENE NAKAMURA, COACH NO. 1 JACKETS

after Saturday, however, Nakamura resists making any real comparisons between the two teams.

"We'll have to see in the championship game, how this team plays with poise and pride," Nakamura said.

So for this season, Berkeley
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Berkeley baseball team may be EBAL up this season

Mac Montandon

While in professional baseball pitching and defense seem to be treated like exotic appetizers, served casually before the main course of the home run, there's

still a place where the two delicacies are being dished up. The place is San Pablo Park, home field for the Berkeley High baseball team, and this season figures to see plenty of corner-of-the-plate heat, as well as fine, dirt-tasting stops on "D".

Not that the Yellowjackets don't know what to do with a solid piece of aluminum in their hands, too. Larri Gordon's club was averaging 14 hits a game heading into last Monday's preseason clash with

Mission of San Jose.

But, as it showed Monday in a 4-2 win, Berkeley may have trouble scoring some runs at times this year. When it does, it's nice to know that strong arms and slick gloves are always on the menu.

"We had pretty good pitching today," Gordon said Monday, "But I'm always a little skeptical of our performance. I still see a lot of room for improvement."

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'97 Berkeley Baseball

March 20 at Alameda
March 26 Livermore*
March 31-April 3 at Livermore
Rotary Classic
April 9 San Ramon*
April 11 at Amador Valley*
April 16 at Monte Vista*
April 18 California*
April 23 at Livermore*
April 25 at San Ramon*
April 30 Amador Valley*
May 2 California*
May 7 at California*
May 9 Livermore*
May 14 San Ramon*
May 16 Amador Valley*
May 21 at Monte Vista*
May 23 California*
*EBAL

Youthful Cougars itching to improve this season

By Mac Montandon

The Albany baseball team is brimming with youthful energy. If it wasn't already taken, the name The Young and The Restless would fit this team like a batting glove.

Such vernal zest manifests itself in two ways. It becomes helpful to a Cougars club short on bodies, and it never seems out of a ballgame as it is capable of hustling right back into it.

On the other side, the Cougars have been known to run themselves out of innings, or make the occasional overthrow when aggressively trying to catch opposing base run-

Baseball

St. Joseph
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Albany
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Cal's Braun: 'We are not spooked by No. Carolina'

By John Gardiella

If you buy into what Cal coach Ben Braun is saying, his team's match with No. 1 seed North Carolina Friday in the Sweet 16 at Syracuse is just another game; another road trip, one of several legs on a long season.

And your mother was telling the truth when she said the cough syrup tasted yummy.

But tempted as you may be to consider it just a psychological ploy on Braun's part, a way to prepare his team for the mystique of the Carolina Blue and the Tarheels' horses, after a while you start to get the feeling Braun & Co. thinks of this as just another challenge, an opportunity for another notch on their bedpost.

"We are not spooked by North Carolina," Braun said Tuesday in a teleconference call.

Braun, who guided Eastern Michigan to the Sweet 16 in 1991, where his team lost to, you guessed it, North Carolina, said the Bears' "deep respect" for the Tarheels doesn't translate into fear.

"We have a lot of respect for North Carolina, for coach (Dean) Smith," Braun said. "But we can't go into the game and change the things we've been doing. We are not in wide-eyed awe of them. We can't go into the game with any fear."

The Golden Bears' season has revolved around beating the odds — including the ones in Vegas. As Braun noted, the Bears beat their share of Top 10 teams throughout the season.

Braun took over late in the year for Todd Bozeman. He was without last year's Pac-10 Player of the Year. Several players transferred. There were allegations of

under-the-table payments to players.

When the season started, Al Grigsby, granted a rare sixth year of eligibility was still on the bench, nursing yet another injury. Center

1997 NCAA Sweet Sixteen

East Regional

Cal (23-8) vs. North Carolina (26-6)

Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N. Y.

Friday, 7:10 p.m. (approximately)

Sean Marks, too, missed games.

Then, fast-forward to late February and Ed Gray's broken foot (he may or may not attempt to play in the Carrier Dome Friday); through

pick in the upcoming NFL draft who doubles as a forward on the basketball team, called the win "gratifying" because the team proved so many people wrong.

"When we lost Ed, players found ways to score," Braun said. "Other guys picked up the offense. (Randy) Duck, Gonzalez, Grigsby, we have guys that are capable of scoring."

Gonzalez, more of a bruiser than a scorer, lit up Villanova for 23 points. With all that's gone wrong, with all the injuries, Braun's team needed a guiding light through most of the season.

Enter Grigsby.

"He's a guy that's so persevering," said Braun, who retired Grigsby's number in the team's final game at Harmon Gym. "His spirit is incredible." Cal needs Grigsby's muscle as much as it needs divine inspiration Friday. But don't think the Bears will approach this game any differently.

"We won't do anything any differently," Braun said. "We'll try to

prepare the team to do the things they are capable of doing. We'll accentuate our strengths and go after the other team's weaknesses."

So what if Braun is going up against the winningest coach in basketball history? Did Dean Smith ever have to turn a Tony Gonzalez into a scoring threat?

'We are not in wide-eyed awe of them. We can't go into the game with any fear.'

— CAL COACH BEN BRAUN

it all the team kept winning.

After Cal's improbable win over Villanova last weekend propelled the team into the Sweet 16, Tony Gonzalez, the probable first-round

Cal basketball game on locally only on KECG 88.1 FM

KECG-FM 88.1 El Cerrito, will be the only local radio station broadcasting the Cal-North Carolina NCAA East Regional from Syracuse, N.Y.

Friday at approximately 7 p.m. Cal will be continuing its amazing run in the Sweet 16 of the tournament.

Marty Lurie and Kevin Dowling will be offering up their commentary during the commercial breaks during the commercial-free broadcast.



Jeff Lindquist
Cal will definitely see banner below which read: '1997 Sweet Sixteen'. However, it hopes to see at least one more line, 'Eight', or 'Final Four', 'Champions' when it rehanges this banner in new Haas Pavilion.



Cal

CAL DIGEST

Cal

Baseball team splits with Devils

The Cal baseball team lost a pair of games last weekend against Arizona State, losing 13-9 Friday and 7-5 Monday, while winning, 6-4, Saturday.

In Friday's loss, both Cal (12-16, 1-7 Pac-10 Southern Division) and Arizona State pounded out 13 hits apiece, but sloppy fielding proved costly as Cal had seven errors, including five in the Sun Devil's six-run fourth inning.

The Bears, however, had four home runs in the games — one each by Aaron Gordinier and Preston Sharp, and two by sophomore catcher Jason Hill. Hill had a three-run homer in the sixth and a lead-off home run in the eighth.

Losing pitcher, freshman Jon Shirley (2-2), went 3.3 innings with seven hits, seven runs, only three

earned runs, two walks and two strikeouts.

The Bears captured their first league victory Saturday. Cal freshman third baseman Kevin Johnson broke a 4-4 tie with his first collegiate home run in the seventh, helping the Bears break a 10-game conference losing streak that carried over from the 1996 season (last Cal conference win was an 8-5 victory over Arizona, April 28).

Senior first baseman John Furstenthal gave the Bears an insurance run with an RBI single in the eighth.

Bear starter Drew Fischer pitched 6.0 innings with five hits, only one earned run, no walks and five strikeouts. Fischer was replaced in the seventh by Tyler Walker, who improved his record to 2-1 (three saves) by pitching the final three innings with no hits, no runs and

three walks.

Top hitters for Cal included Johnson, who was 2-for-2, and his twin brother Curtis, who was 2-for-4.

The Bears beat Washington State at home Tuesday, 706 in 10 innings.

Gymnasts overthrow Army

Trent Wells had perfect scores of 10.0 on both the parallel bars and horizontal bar leading the Cal men's gymnastics team to a 323.325 to 215.200 victory over Army last Friday, in the final intercollegiate athletic event in Harmon Gym.

The 10s boosted Wells' all-around score to 58.175, which is the second best total in school history, to win the title. In addition to his wins on both sets of bars, Wells scored 9.700 on floor earned him top honors in that event.

Andrew Mason won the pommel horse with a score of 9.875. C.J. Faust won on rings with a 9.700, and Oleg Kosiak completed the six-event sweep for the Bears by winning the vault with a 9.800. Actually, Cal swept the top four spots on each apparatus.

The No. 2 Bears will next compete at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Lincoln, Neb. March 28 - 29 before heading to the NCAA regionals and nationals in April.

Rugbers hold Arizona in check this time

In the cold and wet last Sunday, Cal's rugby squad tamed Arizona, 53 - 0. It was the same Wildcats team that gave Cal a close match in Tucson last month, but the change of venue to Witter Field brought a change of conditions and a change

of fortunes.

Cal held a 27-0 advantage at the half in contrast a 7-3 halftime lead in the desert match-up a month ago. Unlike two recent games where teams have gained their second wind against the Bears in the second half, Cal never relinquished control of Sunday's match despite an ever-increasing lead.

Bears' right winger Todd Connelly had three tries while left winger Ryan Fried had two. Cal captain and fly half Kevin Dalzell was near perfect in his kicking, adding six of Cal's seven tries. Scrum half Charlie Masters and outside center Vinh Phan also scored for the Bears while Arizona was limited to four penalty kick attempts.

Arizona made a number of costly mistakes, after a disciplined performance against Cal in Tucson. A

tighthead scrum win gave their first try of the match. ample, and a Wildcats punter own goal line gave Cal the

Bears' coach Jack happy with the win and the logical advantage it afforded, which will see Arizona again national championship

"Although we left some things to work on, well," he told his players match.

Brown University's tour means the U. of A. will Bears' last home game in weeks. They travel to W. Victoria and British Columbia spring break and then play Clara April 5.

Cal hosts the national onship at the beginning where the team hopes its seventh consecutive national

Bay Oaks 17 storms S.F. Bay Classic

By Scott Strain

Nothing, it seems, will prevent the Bay Oaks Under-17 soccer team from winning matches.

The Oaks ripped through the San Francisco Bay Classic over the weekend in Morgan Hill, winning three of four games by a combined score of 11-1.

It was the seventh victory in eight matches for the Montclair-based team, which also won a Jamboree in Hayward two weeks ago and a match against a strong under-19 San Ramon squad a week ago.

The Oaks, who compete at a higher age level, lost the championship match Sunday in a driving rainstorm, losing to the Diablo Valley Soccer Club Machine, 3-0.

The Oaks were reduced to two healthy reserves, but still held the strong Machine (an under-19 team) scoreless in the first half.

The Machine, however, scored two quick goals in the second half, con-

verting a loose ball in front of the Oaks goal for a 1-0 lead and then hitting a penalty kick for 2-0 lead.

The Oaks got to the championship match by defeating the River City United Rangers, 2-0, earlier Sunday.

The Oaks only needed a tie to advance, but got two goals from John Fergus on assists by Zac Yonekawa and Herman Pugh. The final score reflected a strong defensive effort as the team tried to win without depleting its reserves after injuries forced some changes after Saturday's first game.

The Oaks got past South San Jose United in the second game Saturday, winning 4-0.

The defense excelled in this match, allowing South San Jose only three shots on goal.

Oaks goalie Matt Thurlow (Campolindo) had only one tough chance, blocking a San Jose penalty kick in the first minute of the second half.

Gail Clarke (College Prep) started

the scoring when he received a perfect pass from Josh Sperber and kicked it into the San Jose goal. Forrest Gherlane got the Oaks second goal on a corner kick with an assist from Joe Appel (Bishop O'Dowd).

Gherlane returned the favor five minutes later when he assisted Sperber on his goal.

Clarke assisted on the final Oaks score, which came on a header by Gherlane.

Sonoma Select was the Bay Oak's first victim Saturday, losing 2-1. The Oaks scored 10 minutes into the game when Pugh drove a kick to the far post after a crossing pass from Fergus.

Clarke scored the second Oaks goal with an assist from Appel.

Three Oaks players were hurt in the physical match. Yonekawa and Justin Ossola were able to play in the second Saturday game, but Emilio Parker (Piedmont) was taken to the hospital to have nine stitches taken in his forehead.

A week ago, the Oaks defeated San Ramon Azuri, a strong under-19 team, 3-0 in San Ramon. Two weeks ago, the Oaks swept a preseason tournament in Hayward, beating three local under-17 teams.

The Oaks start the California Youth Soccer League State Cup tournament in three weeks.

Berkeley High crew dominates on Sacramento's Lake Natoma

Berkeley High Crew stroked a wide wake into the 1997 racing season at Lake Natoma on the American River east of Sacramento, March 8, taking four gold, two silver, and three bronze in 11 matches with Marin, Capital, and River City — all well-established private clubs.

Berkeley continues to single-handedly uphold the honor of public schools in the west, on the water.

The girl's program, coached by BHS/Yale star Eliza Miller and novice coach Molly Mugnolo — having regrouped on the water only since spring semester began — braved their disadvantage against tough odds.

Finishing their 2,000-meter (ca. 1.14 mile) courses after Marin and Capital, the Varsity 8 and 4 will be stroking the boiler during brisk spring training.

The Novice 8 launched their season neatly, nearly crowding Marin out in the last stretch to finish a very sporting second at 8:25.2.

A dynamo Lightweight 8 rallied

the troops in the last race, breathlessly sparring Marin to victory in just over 8 minutes flat.

The boy's competition — drilled through the fall season of multi-mile "head" races by coach Noah Wickliffe, assisted by former girls coach Amber Selke — featured blistering contests among the Varsity and Lightweight 8s.

The Jackets V8 boat nearly lost its lead to a stiff sprint by archrival Marin in the final stretch, but finally wrested a 7-second victory — the same ticklish margin by which the Jackets JV8 also powered to the fore of their race.

Not to be outdone — and despite last-minute absences that cost the Yellowjackets a bid in the Novice 8 race — the boys' Novice 4, whipped into customary paramilitary shape by coach Raj Batra, turned in a smashing first, nearly 6 seconds ahead of Capital, promising great things ahead; while two varsity 4 lineups, rather unpracticed in the small boats, still nosed Marin from second and wearily brought up the rear in fifth.

BHS in Oakland regatta Sunday

The Oakland Strokes regatta March 23 on the Estuary, featuring Berkeley, the Marin Rowing Association, St. Ignace College Prep.

The first race will start 9 a.m. with men's lightweight while the last race will be 9:40 a.m. featuring the varsity 8s. All races will be 1000 meters.

During the first two weeks of the rowing season, these crews shown themselves to be the best of Northern California.

In addition to being the first appearance together in the same water in 1997, the "tune-up" for the Diego Crew Classic, April 13.

Junior Jackets lacrosse debuts with winning day

Elaine Merrill

Berkeley's first-ever Youth Division lacrosse team, the Junior Jackets, opened its season with a bang Saturday, beating Southern Marin Pups, 3-1.

The game was one of five played at Berkeley High by 10 teams involved in the junior-high division.

For most of the participants, Saturday's contest marked their first in organized lacrosse. Pat, lacrosse parent and secretary of the Northern California Lacrosse Federation, said, "This was the first real game for players on both teams, they did real well."

The junior team, coached by Andrew, grew from last year's well-attended Berkeley summer lacrosse camp for youngsters aged through 14. The camp was created and operated by Berkeley graduates Jonah Hendrickson and Jeremy Cohen.

Currently, players are drawn from both public and private schools and practice three times a week and participate in matches on weekends.

On Saturday, the format was a stop stick action, one game after another, from 9 a.m. until afternoon. The Northern California Junior Lacrosse As-

sociation, parent organization of the Berkeley team, has scheduled at least eight more all-day multiple matches on Saturdays through the end of May.

Venues will rotate among participating clubs, with next week's matches slated for Skyline High in Oakland. All parts of the Bay Area are represented in the league.

The Junior Jackets are, for the time being, comprised of all boys. But Hendrickson says six or seven girls attend practice regularly and could form the nucleus of a girls' team as early as next year.

Hendrickson also envisions the Junior Jackets feeding directly into Berkeley High's junior varsity and varsity boys' and girls' lacrosse teams, which have drawn increased participation and fan support over the last few years.

The BHS JV boys' team is currently 1-1, while the varsity squad is 0-2 after losing, 6-5, to Acalanes. Which means that if the undefeated Junior Jackets continue to roll, they could end up being a real inspiration to their embattled older stick-wielding counterparts.

Anyone interested in more information about the Junior League or next summer's lacrosse camp can call 528-2682.

player of his, who is more familiar with Crenshaw's game.

"They have a couple strong players, but they're not too deep," the coach said. "They like to press the whole game, so they play a similar style to us. With our bench strength, we'll just try to tire them out."

So it seems if Berkeley plays as it has all year, it probably won't even need the last second heroics that Hickory required to win the state title in "Hoosiers."

Regardless of Saturday's outcome, the Jackets have been a huge hit this season, generating substantial box score results.

St. Mary's baseball nips El Cerrito; Gauchos wait for arms to deliver

By John Gardella

Heading into Wednesday's match against Vallejo, El Cerrito High baseball coach Dennis Abel was still waiting for his team's constant to be consistent.

But in EC's first six pre-season games, its pitching, expected at least in El Cerrito, to carry the Gauchos to a possible league title, hadn't been very dependable.

Donny Davis, the key to the rotation and one of the better arms in the area, is still working to get in baseball shape after participating in EC's

basketball team's aborted run in the North Coast Section playoffs.

Jarion White, slated to be the team's No. 2 pitcher, giving Abel a formidable one-two punch as there is in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, is pitching "so-so," according to Abel.

"Pitching hasn't come along as we expected it to," said Abel. "For some reason it just hasn't rounded itself into shape."

An example of EC's pitching problems came Friday against St. Mary's. The Gauchos led, 5-1, in the bottom of the sixth. But, without the aid of a Gauchito miscue, the Panthers rallied back for a 6-5 win.

Luckily for Abel and the Gauchos, the team's offense has kept it in most of the games. EC is averag-

ing nearly five.

While Davis, slated to be the cleanup hitter, gets his eye back, Evan Lurie has carried the team. An all-league performer in football, the first baseman is in danger of combusting, hitting .600.

Lurie, 12-for-20 in six games, also leads the team with 12 RBI. Although sustaining a stratospheric average is unlikely, Abel said he isn't surprised by the senior's production.

Abel said, ".600 is pretty high. But I'm not surprised Evan is hitting well. I always felt he was a good hitter. He hits the ball to all fields. Right now, he's making good contact. None of his hits have been cheap."

A surprise in the lead-off spot is Dave Munoz. More of a middle-of-

the-order type hitter, Munoz is 6-for-18 in the top slot and leads the team with seven runs scored.

"We're scoring runs, so I don't think we'll want to move Dave lower in the order," Abel said.

Center-fielder Keshawn Fielder is also off to a fast start, hitting .428 with eight RBI.

Except for two bad games in which the team committed seven errors, the Gauchos have fielded a strong defensive unit. In six games, the team has committed a total of 10 errors.

The missing ingredient is the one thing Abel thought he had in surplus.

"We need the pitching to be consistent," he said. "We have to get pitchers throwing strikes. Obviously, you need good pitching to be successful."

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So far the Jackets couldn't be much better in the standings. With Monday's win they improved to 5-1, the only loss an 8-7 game at St. Mary's to open the season.

Thursday, Berkeley makes its final preparations for the East Bay Athletic League schedule with a non-league game at Alameda. It starts league play next Wednesday, with a home game against Livermore. First pitch is set for 3:30 p.m.

Right-handers Ben Graber, J.G.

Cougars

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niers lingering away from the bag.

Both expressions of youth were fully explored during the Cougars game Tuesday at home in non-league action with St. Joseph, a team they should compete favorably with when the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League season begins next week.

LaRochette, and Jason Young combined on a six-hitter Monday, as Berkeley pitchers retired 11 of the last 13 Mission San Jose batters they faced.

Lately, it's news almost anytime LaRochette and Young give up hits. LaRochette has already thrown a no-hitter this season, and Young dominated Mission batters Monday when he came on in the 7th inning to strike out the side.

Though the Jackets have some power in the third and fourth spots in the order with Young batting in front of center-fielder Ahmad Austin, they also have the ability to

create runs behind swift lead-off hitter James Barnes.

The second baseman got his club going in the bottom of the first with an infield single, smacked sharply off the ankle of Warriors starting pitcher Matt Mercier. Barnes went to second on a throwing error, and to third on a passed ball, before scoring on a balk to tie the game at one.

Austin's RBI ground out scored Ned Kletz with the Jackets' second run of the inning, and they never trailed again.

Berkeley had a couple chances for big innings, but twice runners

were picked-off, and it could never manage a rally-sustaining hit.

Young very nearly blew the game open in the first when he came to bat with two on and none out, but his soaring, symphonic drive to left hooked just foul.

"Clearly I want improvement in all areas," Gordon said. "On defense I think we should pick it up. But, like I told the team, the pre-season is where we get all that out of the way."

With the league season looming, the skipper is putting the final garnishes on a club that looks hungry for a title.

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aged its "P's" just fine, while the area. Its last loss was a month ago in a close ballgame to Vista, and its three resounding wins of the Mustangs have separated them from the rest of the pack.

The Jackets get a chance to take on the road.

Munoz knows only a little about his opponent Crenshaw, but did scout scouting report from an old

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My friend Gretchen is remodeling her bathroom. In the six weeks or so that this has been going on, she's called innumerable times to ask my advice or to crow over the good looks of some successful choice or other.

She's also called many times to moan. Everything costs a lot. "No matter how small the item, the lowest price for any single thing is \$250," she says, "and, of course, most cost much more."

After she'd visited every tile shop in the greater East Bay and finally settled on the perfect ceramic tile, she unexpectedly saw the same stuff on the walls of a restaurant bathroom. She found it "too shimmery," she told me, and so started the looking process all over again.

She came home from work one day to find the new bathtub sitting in her driveway. "It has these chevron-shaped things molded into the sides," she complained. "I hate

them. But the tub is here now. Should I just live with it?"

I told her no, absolutely not, then said that I am jealous, jealous because I want to finish my house. Yeah, the money is a lot and the

I try not to obsess about my remodeling regrets but instead to congratulate myself on the things that work well.

need to make so many choices can be maddening, but renewing almost any house part can be very rewarding.

My bathrooms, for instance,

which are not an easy fix. If I'm going to do anything, showers and tubs should be moved, windows and surfaces replaced. Also light fixtures, mirrors, flooring. Because I know what a big and costly job redoing them will be, I've painted but otherwise left the bathrooms as they were built in the 1960s.

I'd love to have wood floors laid in the bedrooms and hall, something I've priced out several times over the five years I've owned the house. Big price tag, so I live with the carpeting.

Another item on my wish list is replacing the remaining aluminum windows. I've had some wooden windows installed and they are a great joy to me. However, I wish I'd done some of them differently, had the larger fixed windows divided into openable, fling-out casement windows, for instance.

Which is just one of the agonies of remodeling. You think you're



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making the right choices and sometimes, thankfully, you are. But other times things don't work out quite like you expected or a better way occurs to you when it's too late.

I try not to obsess about my remodeling regrets but instead to congratulate myself on the things that work well. Perhaps the best money I spent on my house was the cost of moving the washer and dryer from the basement to the bedroom hallway. For the \$3000 I think it cost to pour a slab, bump out a wall, enclose it and add laundry hook-ups, I know I've gotten back \$100,000

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Rates remain stable outlook calms market

On March 13 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week remained stable at 7.84 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) rose 6 basis points from last week's average of 5.54 percent to 5.61 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, is 7.34 percent, down a single basis point from last week's average of 7.35 percent.

"Since (Federal Reserve Board) Chairman Alan Greenspan's remarks pushed interest rates up two

weeks ago, the market continues to point to an economy with no great inflation," said Freddie Mac Economist Robert V.

"With these conditions, interest rates remain stable; further, it appears rates will stay stable through the coming week at least."

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tricity in these rooms had to be rerun in the walls which turned out to be fairly expensive and not everyone appreciates the unfinished look. "When are you going to do the ceilings?" some people have asked. But I like looking at the exposed underside of the roof and find the fir rafters and sheathing beautiful.

I'm still working on the fireplace. It's a large one that projects into the room making it appear even larger, and it was covered by some former owner with hideous-to-me black marble, like you'd see at a mausoleum.

Within days of moving in, the marble was removed revealing red bricks I like much better although it's clear that the chimney was not intended to be seen in its naked state. The bricks are uneven and roughly mortared but I've been staring at them for five years now and

have decided I like the cabin look they have, more so with the open ceilings.

My plan is to leave the upper bricks as they are and to cover the lower part of the fireplace with ham-

what I have in mind.

The single best thing I did in my garden was to have wooden stairs built up the slope, stairs that turn as they go with deep landings that add a sculptural quality to the garden. The gravel paths always have unwanted seedlings springing up in them but I've found that by scraping just their roots with a trowel they are done in, and I do love the look of gravel.

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Rates...

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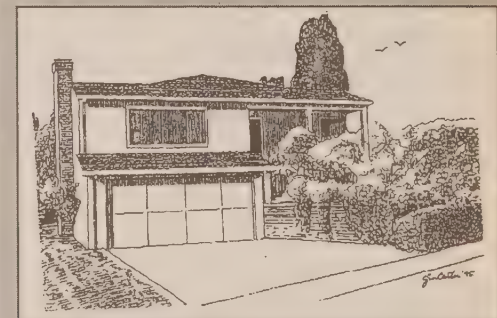
1, 2 and 3 bedroom luxury view condominiums on Lake Merritt from \$128,000 to over \$500,000.

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NEW KENSINGTON LISTING \$284,500

Spacious and charming home in excellent location. Big country kitchen, delightful garden and private deck. Walk to Kensington Hilltop School, shops and park.

TODD HODSON 527-9111, 273-9575

VERY SPACIOUS & CLEAN \$228,500

Convenient family home. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room & au pair or in-law. Yard and peek of bay & S.F. DIANE MINTZ 527-2700.

ELMWOOD - NEW LISTING \$397,500

Charming 2-story brownshingle Craftsman with wonderful original architectural details. Eat-in kitchen looks onto large private yard. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & sun porch. Walk to shops.

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PRICE REDUCED \$185,000

Comfortable four bedroom home set back along Wildcat Canyon Park. Large deck is wonderful for outdoor entertaining. Deep soaking tub is ideal for relaxing after those long work days.

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WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

Sewer line blues

My wife and I are like most homeowners—we don't spend much time worrying about sewer lines. But when a morning shower left Sonia standing in three inches of water, she started to think about it. And, when she saw the toilet overflowing in one bathroom and go over the top in the other, she knew it was time to call one of those "rooter" companies. Our sewer saga had begun.

Rule number one: even though you might feel panicky, call more than one plumbing/sewer line company for first-visit prices. We didn't do that, although Sonia did ask their price for coming out before she agreed to use the company. The representative was evasive, but Sonia pinned her down to a flat cost of "\$69."

Later, when presented with the work order to sign, there in black amid white was a charge of \$89 an hour. A call back to the company

representative clarified that this was their customary charge, but they would do us the favor of billing us at only \$69 an hour. Not wanting to slow down the process, we reluctantly agreed as we set our stopwatches.

Forty-five minutes later came the next piece of bad news: roots. "Fred," the rooter specialist, proclaimed that all work must halt while he paged his supervisor. After much probing, I learned that he had been a sewer technician for only six months and didn't know what steps to take when encountering roots. Fred chirpily announced that the clock stopped while we waited for Fred's boss. What luck!

Three hours later, Fred's supervisor appeared. He checked the blade on the end of the cable and declared, "You have a big problem; it's a broken sewer line." To assess the extent of the damage,

we would have to pay another \$250 for them to insert a cable with a video camera. This, we were assured, was their "commercial" rate, a substantial discount from the "regular" charge.

We now had to make a fast, uninformed decision. Should we send the men away and shop the rate by calling other companies? This, of course, would delay repairs. At that point, we were not even sure if we could use our bathrooms—we weren't thinking kitchen, yet. Dubiously, we acquiesced. It wasn't until much later that I found another company's regular rate to be \$175 for the same procedure.

We watched the video monitor as the camera snaked down the sewer line a few feet at a time. Everything looked fine until we reached about 70 feet. To no one's surprise, there it was: a broken line and a mass of thick tree roots.

The bad news had been confirmed. We definitely needed a new sewer line. Now came the good news. They would go back in with the snake, at no additional charge, and attempt to drill a temporary opening through the roots. Two hours later, they told us they had created a small opening, but it probably would not remain so for very long.

We were then given the second bit of good news—our insurance company would probably take care of the work. Even if we were covered, however, there was still the

\$1000 deductible. The supervisor suggested we call our insurer and have them authorize the next step, a "line location" test to determine exactly where they would have to start digging.

Fortunately, our homeowner's policy did include coverage for "roots" in the sewer line. If it had been a collapse because of age, we would not have been covered. The adjuster requested us to get

that as well. The job was now up to \$14,850. The supervisor reassured us, however, that he was concurrently working on a \$23,000 situation in Piedmont. This made us feel so much better. We were told the work would take no more than seven days.

One morning, a few days later, we awoke to the sounds of our driveway being broken up with a backhoe. This proceeded well until

Trouble was it did not rain. The water accumulated in the steps. Naturally, this out until after it was poured.

Apparently, the heavy rains had raised the water table to the level of the driveway. During the next morning's dry weather, copious water continually poured between the front steps and the driveway. The concrete in that area cured correctly.

After many consultations, the drainage company was comfortable that this was the best they could warrant their work of this ordeal, I am a mini sewer line seminar.

• Before it happens, check that your homeowner's insurance includes coverage for broken sewer line damage. If it doesn't, look for a company that offers such coverage. Consult your agent. It's important for older homes.

• As a homebuyer, pay particular attention to sewer and/or foundation problems. They are not the most glamorous, but they may be related. If the question about the present sewer line problem is your home inspector's "camera-ing" the line, to get a videotape copy.

See DUNNING

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two bids and we set up an appointment for him to come and view our exciting sewer line video.

The adjuster's visit went smoothly. He authorized the line location test and confirmed our coverage minus the deductible. The test showed the break to be directly under our driveway. Although more accessible than if it had been under the house, it meant we would have no direct way in or out of the house while the work was in progress.

Initially, we received three bids, ranging from \$11,900 to more than \$15,000. The lowest bid had a caveat that there would be additional charges if the front steps had to be torn out. This turned out to be the case.

Luckily, our insurance covered

the rains came—some of the heaviest of this century. In between rainstorms, the now defunct vitrified clay pipe (a material similar to your flower pots) was replaced with cast iron pipe.

One month later (so much for the "seven days"), the front of our house was still a virtual bog. We were expecting migrating marsh birds to winter there, but they just left their droppings and flew on. Eventually, after several weeks of dry weather, the experts decided to pour concrete. One small problem: sections of the driveway were still mushy masses of goo.

Undeterred, and anxious to complete the operation and get their checks, they determined that a french drain in the middle of the driveway would divert the water.



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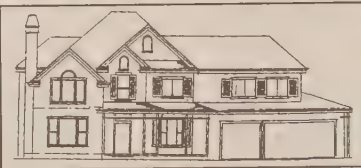


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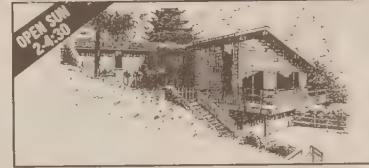
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PIEDMONT CENTRAL LOCATION \$619,000
Gracious Craftsman w/3 BR, 2.5BA, den office, sunroom, eat-in kitchen, formal dining w/built-in buffet, gleaming hardwoods, fireplace, scones, landscaped!
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400



NEW CONSTRUCTION COMING SOON \$529,000
Starting build permit process for new home—custom 4BR 2.5BA lg. family & kitchen 2670 sq.ft. Pick your finishes watch your family home build-level lot.
MEL COPLAND 339-8400



ROOM TO BREATHE \$479,000
Wooded double lot, private and secluded with canyon views, cathedral ceilings, skylights, decks & terraced garden with fragrant roses.
M. J. McCONVILLE 287-9583



LARGE AND BRIGHT CONTEMPORARY \$449,000
New listing. Open Sun. 5/3 incl. in-law potential, family room, back yard, lg. eat-in kitchen. Loc. for easy commute. Formal dining room with fireplace.
CARIN CAROE 339-8400



SMASHING CONTEMP, GORGEOUS VIEW \$443,000
4BR, 2.5 BA, separate living room, formal dining, fabulous kitchen & great room with fireplace, stunning master suite, decks for outdoor living.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 X216



INCREDIBLE VALUE-INCREDIBLE VIEW \$365,000
Wonderful 3+BR, 2.5BA Trad. with panoramic views of SF Bay bridges. Huge EIK, fr. DR, lg. LR, FR, 2 tpics, hrdwd fl, brick patio, great bckyard w/ deck. excellent value.
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



GREAT ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN! \$339,000
3BR, 2.5BA contemp. w/ glass atrium, rich wood chdrl ceilings in lg. frml DR. Elaborate mst BR/BA. Kit/FR combo. Wrap-around deck. Huge lot. Excellent buy!
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



GLENVIEW CRAFTSMAN \$249,000
On one of Glenview's best streets! Beamed ceilings, hardwood floors, level yard, family room and sauna! Move-in condition. Bk home with cozy atmosphere!
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

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CENTRAL PIEDMONT CRAFTSMAN.....\$895,000
Walk to school. 5 BR, 3BA. Kitchen, family room, office level out to beautiful garden w/ hot tub. Rec room. Green house. Work shop. Wonderful details.
VICKIE CHAN CASE 339-8400

PANORAMIC BAY VIEWS.....\$795,000
Sited on 1+ acre w/ pool, outdoor fireplace. Architect designed for maximum drama. 10 rooms incl. formal dining, family rm, billiards rm, office. Financing!
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

WALK TO EAST BAY PARK TRAILS.....\$489,000
Reduced! Montclair like-new contemporary with pretty canyon and Mt. Tam views. Flexible floor plan has 3 BR, 3.5BA and many extra spaces. Private deck.
LYN MURRAY 339-8400

PERFECT SETTING-PERFECT HOUSE.....\$419,000
Enjoy this charming Mont. trad. and all its splendor: ivl landscaped both idyllic & great for kids, new kit, decks off master & kit—much much more.
MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN & COTTAGE.....\$379,000
Charming Upper Rockridge home with separate cottage in rear. Close to BART and College Avenue shops.
MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

GRAND LIVING PLUS \$40,000/YR!.....\$375,000
Elegant mansion near lake! Huge 2+BR 2BA owner unit with library, 3 fireplaces, hardwood, grandeur! Plus 9-room legal rooming house for income! Versatile!
D.C. HODGES & LYN MURRAY 339-8400

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION.....\$349,500
Rockridge sleeper awaits the wise eye & buyer. Lots of space & potential. Gard., garage, hrdwd fls, ht water heat, grt office in-home too. 5BR, 1+BA
RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

SUPER VALUE—SMALL PRICE.....\$299,500
3BR, 2BA contemp. w/ spectacular outdoor scenery of the canyon. Spacious LR w/frplc, vaulted ceilings, gigantic family room. mstr. ste./BA, deck, office, den, many other decks!
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

CROCKER TRADITIONAL.....\$290,000
3 BR, 1.5 BA, LR w/ frplc, frml dining room, hrdwd floors, large deck, view Lake Merritt & downtown, lrg. bonus room for home office or play.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 X.216

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH.....\$284,500
Come 2 C 2day and let me help you make this sleeper a Shangri-lai Rdwd. 2 hndsrme brick fps, vaulted ceiling, great pvt. patio & yd. Close-in location 3BR 2BA.
RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

SUPER CLEAN RANCHER!.....\$279,000
Sequoia area! In mint cond! Lovely yard—for d/r-family rm. off kit marble entry and baths—a pleasure to show and see—don't miss this one..
HAL MARCUS 339-2981

TRIPLEX NEAR LAKE MERRITT.....\$277,000
2-2 bedrooms & 1 studio, steady tenants, 2 garages, 3 year old roof, common laundry, walk to Lake & transportation.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

COME LOOK ME OVER.....\$269,000
Exceptional Montclair value ready to occupy impeccable 3BR 1+BA, formal dining room, lovely hardwood floors and large open kitchen with deck. A10".
EDITH MARCUS 339-9281

JUST ABOVE THE COUNTRY CLUB.....\$269,000
Spacious 4BR, BA custom home with hidden driveway and meticulous landscaping! Hardwood throughout, fireplace, decks. Call Tom to see.
TOM NEMETH 339-8400

NEW LIST W/ VIEW, FENCED YD, GARAGE.....\$239,000
New on the market—40's charm w/ oak floors, bay view, sunny level fenced yd, split-level design w/ oak floors—2bedroom, 2 bath, rec rm level-out to yd & "s" room.
RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

CHABOT HIGHLANDS VALUE!.....\$229,000
Just reduced! Wonderful contemporary 4 BR, 2.5 BA home. Tastefully updated kit, huge family room, formal dining. Lots of space. Great condition.
STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400 X239

GRANDMA NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD!.....\$219,000
Craftsman near Piedmont Avenue i as massive stone fireplace, other period features preserved, but the kit and bath are bright, spacious, & up to date! JIM SCHUBERT 436-6638

A CAREFREE STARTER HOME.....\$219,000
Darling Redwood Heights bungalow has been beautifully updated and sits on an oversized level lot with 4 car carport, full basement plus bonus room..
M.J. McCONVILLE 278-9583

GLENVIEW CHARM.....\$219,000
Sunny home on quiet tree-lined street in Glenview. 2BR plus RR/office, up-dated kitchen w/ level out to priv. yd., shop for handyman, etc.
ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

REDWOOD HEIGHTS DOLL HOUSE.....\$219,000
Charm exudes in this 2BD with park-like quiet level lot with creek. Lovely sun room. Delightful street in very sought after neighborhood.
CAROL COHEN 339-8400

UPSTAIRS-DOWNSTAIRS.....\$199,000
You'll adore this handsome owners unit, completely updated w/ private deck. Keep payments low w/ income from lower unit. Live in style for less than rent.
M.J. McCONVILLE 287-9583

BEAUTIFUL CRAFTSMAN.....\$199,000
Spacious 2-story traditional with gleaming hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and bath. Expandable attic and level yard. Quiet street near Lake Merritt.
LYN MURRAY 339-8400

WELCOME TO "SHADY OAKS".....\$199,000
Glenview beauty high above the road on large wooded lot. Remodeled kit. opens onto sunny patio. Hrdwd floors, frplc, and more. Needs some TLC.
RICHARD KEELING 339-4000

NEW LISTING—1911 CLASSIC.....\$197,000
Clean as a whistle 5BR, 2BA in desirable San Leandro North area. frml dining has box beams. Built-ins & wainscoting, new found., open Sunday—91 Euclid.
EARLE SHENK 287-9590

DIMOND DUPLEX.....\$189,000
Great location on lg. lot w/ room for additional units 1—2+ BR unit & 1—3BR unit, excellent cond.
HARRY KRESS 339-8400

PRICE SLASHED!.....\$189,000
4—1 BR apartments in classic, well located building must be sold this month. All rented, bright, spacious units w/ incredible cash flow at this price.
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

40-FT GLASS WALL TO PANO VIEW.....\$169,500
Class A hi-rise exudes quality & class, w/ 24 hr doorman. 1774 sq. ft. 3BR, 2BA, all hrdwd, newer "cook's kitchen" 44 feet of closets! Pampered living.
D.C. HODGES 339-8400

ANYTHING BETTER UNDER \$170,000?.....\$169,000
Exceptionally bright, cheerful home in move-in condition w/ fireplace, built-ins, hrdwd floors and full basement on a quiet residential street.
JIM SCHUBERT 436-6683

SWEET HOME & IN-LAW.....\$159,000
Above 580. Quiet cul-de-sac. 3BR, hrdwd flrs, beautiful garden modern kit., separate in-law, close to park & trans. Seller may carry 2nd, open Sunday.
MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

MAXWELL PARK MEDITERRANEAN.....\$154,000
2 BR, 1 BA with "plus room," assumable FHA, primo condition, nice back yard, attached garage with interior access.
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400 X216

NEW LISTING.....\$149,000
Charming Spanish Med. in Laurel Dist. 3BR 1BA, hrdwd floors, updated kitchen, sunny rms, flowering yard, garage, convenient location, move-in condition.
MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

NEW ON MARKET.....\$138,000
Spacious single-level floorplan, 3 BR, formal dining, private yard, walk to Mills College.
MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9583

HAL'S CASTLES-CONDOMINIUM.....\$129,000
Large 2BR above Highway 13. One level, 1131 square feet, private view deck of hills, security garage & entry, laundry, central heat, newer kitchen, quiet.
HAL CASTLE 339-8400

6311 MONADOCK WAY.....\$129,000
Straightforward bungalow circa 1920's south of Mills College and above old MacArthur. 2+BR 1+BA, sunny kitchen, hrdwd flrs, fireplace, partial basement, det. garage, more.
NICK LAVROY 339-8400

PERFECT BAYVIEW LOT AT LAST!.....\$125,000
Panoramic view of S.F. Mt. Tamalpais and 2 bridges from 13,000 sq. ft. of lush green hillside in prestigious Oakmore. Seller Assisted Finance.
ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9800

NOT A LOTTA LOT NOT A LOTTA \$.....\$89,000
Not a lotta \$ for the view, Lakeshore Ave. (south side) lakeside lot. Soils report and misc. prelm drawings/city correspondence avail. Seller may carry 1st.
NICK LAVROY 339-8400

BUILD YOUR OWN HOME.....\$80,000
Your dream lot for your first home. Buildable lot in up-scale neighborhood. Easy downsize ready for your builder.
ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

SUPER LOT.....\$69,000
Private wooded hill area, South Bay views, motivated seller.
HARRIET SCHOEN 339-8400

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Prudent steps

the market currently so
around the Bay Area, it
not be surprising if some
were considering putting
houses up for sale.

You're in this position, we
a few suggestions which
help improve the condition
property, increase its sale-
and thus increase your pro-
of the end of the transaction.
We're always glad when we're
into the selling process
to be able to give our
some hints about how to

There are many condi-
which come about very
within a house, over the
of the sellers' owning it,
seem so normal that people
to ignore them. "We've al-
lived with that," or "It's al-
been that way," are phrases
frequently hear.

the snowball of consumer pro-
and consciousness of de-
has grown exponentially in
times. When we bought our

first house, we had a contractor
friend come in and look at it. He
was just as taken with the charm-
ing Craftsman details as we were.

He kept saying, "Hey, this is a
great house," as we walked
through the rooms and crawled
around in the crawl space. Only
later, when we started working in
real estate and participated in in-
spection after inspection, listen-
ing to different versions of the
same analyses over and over, did
we begin to look at our own house
with a more informed eye.

We saw that, while it was basi-
cally the beautiful little Crafts-
man gem we had thought it was,
there were things about the roof,
the foundation, the electrical and
heating systems, the while drain-
age question, and other aspects,
that were passed over very lightly
in our original inspection.

Things have changed. Many
conditions not considered big
deals even as recently as seven or
eight years ago are just not toler-

ated today.

Three good examples are as-
bestos wrapping the furnace pipes
or in the ducts, fuses in the service
panels, and seismic retrofitting. If
you bought a house ten years ago,
you would probably have bought
asbestos wrapped pipes, fused ser-
vice panels, and a house without
any retrofitting without batting an
eye. There came a period when
these things were considered un-
desirable, but still no big deal.

Now many insurance compa-
nies will not write policies on
houses without retrofitting, or with
fuses. And most people feel that
asbestos is totally a substance *non*
grata. The impact of the Loma
Prieta and Northridge earthquakes
on peoples' consciousness and on
retrofit standards has been enor-
mous. Industries have grown up
around asbestos removal and re-
etrofitting.

If you're thinking of putting
your house on the market and it
has asbestos, or fuses, or is not
retrofitted, now is probably not
the time to invest in these im-
provements.

But, you should be prepared
for the buyers of your house to
expect them. This translates into
your being prepared to negotiate
these elements into the purchase
price, either by lowering the ideal
price of your house by the costs of
these improvements, or crediting
those costs from a higher price.

Just before putting the house
on the market is not the time to
build the deck, install new win-
dows or totally repaint. The like-

lihood of recouping your invest-
ment is usually low.

There are many things you can
and should do to bring your prop-
erty up to snuff which do not cost
much money but might take a little
energy.

The first set of these things we
always try to get our sellers to
take seriously is the type of things
looked at by the pest control in-

of your foundation with a couple
of stiff brushes wearing a cloth
mask, and brush away all the cob-
webs and dirt and shavings that
have accumulated on the mudsill
over the years, the termite inspec-
tor, will see a well maintained
crawl space area.

If the mudsill is actually rotten,
the inspector will probably call it.
That's appropriate. But if it's not

mite report calling for the total
replacement of windows which
are only very slightly damaged in
the lower corners.

Finally, it's relatively easy for
you to deal with settlement cracks
in the plaster inside your house or
in the stucco outside. Just scrape
the cracks if necessary, smooth
some painter's caulk or filler ma-
terial in the space. Then touch
them up with new paint.

Settlement cracks are natural
in any area such as ours where the
ground expands and contracts over
the seasons of the year.

All of these suggestions are just
normal household preventive
maintenance. It's a good idea to
do all these things every year while
you live in your house.

They're the kind of things easy
to put off. They're also the kind of
things you can do easily in a day
or so. Taken all together they make
a big difference in the impression
a buyer receives when walking
into your house.

We said in our last column you
would be doing humankind a fa-
vor by putting your house on the
market. There are loads of buyers
out there but very little for them to
buy. This is still the case.

If you are thinking of selling,
good luck. Of course, we have no
trouble understanding, and iden-
tifying with, those who like it
where they are and have no desire
to move. We're living where all
those buyers would like to live.

Heidi and Jerry Long are li-
censed real estate agents with
Coldwell Banker in Berkeley. If
they can assist you in any way,
call them at 525-5800.

MASON McDUFFIE...Welcome Home

OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

UTIMATE GARDEN, VIEWS \$2,100,000
Exquisite architectural details are throughout this gracious
5+BR, 5+BA home. Plus rooms include au-
tumn, libraries, 3-car garage.
JILLSON 428-0900, 644-5401

NEW PIEDMONT LISTING \$399,000
BR English opportunity. Spacious living area includes
kitchen, LR with beamed ceiling, nice outlook.
Single yard & garden, wonderful location & neighbors.
LADY HICKLING 655-6896

SPACIOUS MONTCLAIR HOME! \$299,000
Over 2000 sq. ft. with 3BR, 2.5BA and a large family
room! Excellent condition and a level garden makes this
easy home to move right into and enjoy!
CAROLE BERGER 428-0900, 655-6571

NEW LISTING, 1920 CHARMER \$143,500
Attractive & sunny 2BR with fireplace in living room.
Full-in in formal dining room. Remodeled kitchen,
single yard & garden with fruit trees. Must see!
NANCY MOORE 428-0900, 644-5488

BEST CONDO BUY IN OAKLAND \$109,500
2BR, 2BA includes fireplace, formal dining room, deck,
pool! Fees include earthquake insurance, water, garbage
& heating. Owner very motivated.
GAINELL ESTLE 834-2010

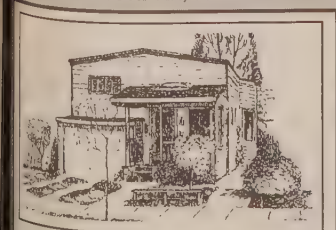
NEW! CHEAPER THAN RENT! \$81,000
Immaculate 1BR condo in nicest building. Looks new.
Enjoy your fireplace & private balcony in this quiet &
secure building. Indoor parking & storage.
NANCY MOORE 428-0900, 644-5488

BERKELEY/ALBANY

THE ENCHANTED BELLAMY \$569,000
Completely remodeled from top to toe! This 3-story 5BR, 4BA
home is unlike anything on the market today. Complete
with fabulous bay view. SAM REINDLER 527-9800

LOVELY FEATURES \$255,000
2BR, 2.5BA designer condo near U.C.! Private wooded
backyard, skylights, hardwood, Berber carpet, stylish
kitchen, slate fireplace, security parking!
CAROL JACOBSON 849-3711, 273-9322

SPACIOUS DUPLEX, IDEAL LOCATION \$239,000
Move-in ready duplex with lots of plus space available,
minutes from Berkeley campus, great investment! Just
ask! DIPTI S. BAROT 845-0200, 273-9648



COTTAGE OF YOUR DREAMS! \$219,000
Seldom do we see such a lovely, warm and immacu-
late home...and it's in Albany! 2BR and a bonus
room that works as a bedroom. Great value, quick!
KENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

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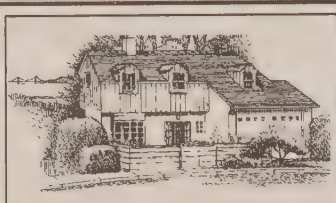
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Many conditions not considered big
deals as recently as seven or eight
years ago are just not tolerated today.

spector. The termite inspector is
looking for damage to wood within
the structure of your house. This
damage is caused either by bugs,
subterranean termites, powder
post beetles, or water.

Subterranean termites are in-
digenous to Berkeley. They live
all over the place and crawl up out
of the dirt to eat wood, leaving
termite tubes behind.

If you learn to recognize those
termite tubes, many of which are
old and no longer represent active
infestations, and brush them off
the wood or concrete, then the
pest control inspector will not
mention termite tubes in the re-
port.

Powder post beetles are brought
into wood and their spores are
blown under your house through
the vents. If they're under there,
chomping away, there isn't much
you can do about it other than cut
out the parts where they're living.

If you crawl around the inside

rotten, he or she will be favorably
impressed and will not be predis-
posed to call other things which
might be gray areas.

One of the things the termite
inspector always does is walk
through the house with a screw-
driver poking in the lower corners
of all the wooden windows.

When moisture condenses on
the window and runs down, it col-
lects on the bottom of the sash and
eventually rots this area away,
starting in the corners where two
pieces of wood come together.

If you ever see moisture on
your window sashes, it's good to
wipe it away. But when you're
about to sell your house, it's good
to walk around and check out your
windows.

If one is badly rotted, you might
replace it. If there's a little soft-
ness, dig it out and put in some
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A wonderful ranch-style home in excellent condition. The sunny eat-in kitchen looks out to a beautiful patio & wonderful
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w/frp/c & rumpus. 4 1/3 w/storage galore. Level-in. E. DICKSON
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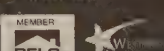
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Events

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Impressionist painter Van Waldron hosts the **Art Sale: Something for Everyone**, daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April 10 at Number 30, Jack London Square, upstairs in the Jack London Village Exhibition Hall. Buy art directly from 50 Bay Area artists at excellent prices. A graduate of Cal and the Art Institute, Waldron has won over 300 national and regional awards. An artists' reception will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sun., March 23 at the Exhibition Hall.

PHD Design Group invites you to an innovative series of **Redecorating Workshops** continuing through Fri., April 25. Geared toward the cost-conscious do-it-yourselfer, these workshops will cover topics ranging from buying and decorating with antiques to using existing furniture to create a new look. The workshops will be held at 5 Captain Dr. in Emeryville. Call Phyllis Johnson at 763-3488 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., March 22 BEC presents architect Barry Wagner's **The Bungalow: Tradition and Transformation**, and architects John Fordice and Kelly Lerner's **Alternative Building Materials: Cob and Strawbale**. On Sat and Sun. March 22 and 23 the center hosts Cheri Cochran's **Electrical Wiring: Hands-On**. On Sun., March 23 don't miss landscape architect Bobbi Feyerabend's **Landscape Design**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Skyline High School presents its **Annual Spring Ceramics Sale**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Fri., and Sat., March 21, 22 and 23 in the school's auditorium lobby, 12250 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. One-of-a-kind ceramic pieces produced by ceramic-department students and note cards produced by graphic-design students will be on sale before the Drama Department's production of the **Runaways** as well as during intermission.

Wausau Mortgage presents Monalisa "Kwa" Campbell's free **First-Time Home Buyer's Seminar**, Sat, March 22 in the 14th floor Conference room at 1611 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland. Learn credit repair strategies and just how you can end your career as a renter with a \$600-moves-you-in program. Call 247-8698 to RSVP.

Architect and general contractor Ed Levitch presents **How to Remodel**, 9 a.m. to noon, Sat., March 22. This free information seminar and slide presentation will cover topics such as: should you remodel, the importance of good design, establishing a budget, financing, selecting an architect and contractor, the design/build method and securing guaranteed construction costs. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 845-6941.

Join the Socialist Labor Party's **Paris Commune and International Women's Day Celebration** with a home-cooked dinner at 1 p.m., Sun., March 23 at the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Ave. in Berkeley. Call 245-2048 for more information.

The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society announces its **Cymbidium Sale and Display**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat and Sun. March 22 and 23 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., in Oakland. The show

will feature growing information, cultural supplies, rare orchids, demonstrations, and a raffle. Admission is free. Call 531-1210 for more information.

The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair invite you to a program featuring instructor, nursery owner and grower Bob Hornback's **Grasses and Phorium Flax**, 11:30 a.m., Tues., March 25 at the Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3594 Sanborn Drive in Oakland. There will be a plant sale in addition to the presentation. Bring your lunch; tea and coffee will be provided. Call 531-6329 for more information.

Catherine Teegarten of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., March 27 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203 fixers. Owner-occupants can buy fixed-up properties for no money down or choose their own for 5 percent down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, homebuyers and nonprofits are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarten at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

Truitt & White Lumber Co. announces sponsorship of **Tools for Success: Essential Business Seminars for the Professional Builder**. The fourth in a series of four workshops **Essential Marketing for the Professional Builder** will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sat., March 29 at the Holiday Inn Bay Bridge, 1800 Powell St., Emeryville. Learn

the basic elements of a corporate identity, the secrets of a successful marketing program and a format for a successful business plan. A buffet breakfast will be provided. Call Truitt & White at 841-0511 for reservations and more information.

Mason-McDuffie's Berkeley office presents a **Garden Faire and Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., April 5 at 2855 Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley. Join Mason-McDuffie as the company plants seeds of inspiration while supporting two community youth gardening organizations. Donations of seedlings and slipped plants are appreciated. Call 845-0200 more information.

The Living Library Series presents designer and house builder **See EVENTS on page 26**

Dunning...

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As a homeowner, if you find yourself having to flush out your sewer line every year or so, it may be that it is in the process of collapsing. The roofer company doing the work may not know, or may not be telling you, there are roots invading your system.

If your sewer line does back up into the house, have the plumbing company open the line enough to restore usage. If the line is broken, get at least two other opinions of the problem and bids for correction.

Remember that, like all contracting jobs, there is tremendous latitude in pricing. If you are not a

negotiator, get help from a relative or friend who can negotiate. The difference is usually thousands.

For example, once you not only less expensive running a camera line location, they were one sim your hum

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BERKELEY

2958 RUSSELL STREET, Open Sunday 2-4. New listing! Gracious 1913 traditional, many charming details, 4BR, 2.5BA, new kitchen, partial view, level yard. Mary Montali ext. 132. **\$619,000**

THOUSAND OAKS JEWEL. Super home with original charm, updated kitchen, lovely garden. Leslie Avant ext. 135. **\$279,500**

BEST DUPLEX IN BERKELEY! Excellent condition. Assumable private loan. Totally owner occupied. Move right in. Jack McPhail ext. 135. **\$262,500**

1056 EUCLID AVENUE, Open Sunday 2-4. Clarendon, updated 2/1. Bring offers! Leslie Avant ext. 122. **\$429,000**

3001 FULTON STREET, Open Sunday 2-4:30. Bright and friendly 2+BR home PLUS separate large and new studio space. Gini Erck ext. 133. **\$429,000**

DARLING 1 BEDROOM CONDO in the heart of Elmwood. Leslie Easterday ext. 134. **\$139,000**

3104 MABEL STREET. Wonderful buy! Really sweet, roomy, great yard for gardening. Anne ext. 137. **\$419,000**

OAKLAND

21 BOWLING DRIVE, Open Sunday 1-5. Claremont Pines Tudor designed by Ratcliff. Truly grand: 5BR, 4.5BA, library, views, pool! Bebe McRae ext. 145. **\$1,075,000**

ROCKRIDGE CHARMER! 2BR, one level home and converted garage studio. Sunny patio, hardwood floors, fireplace. Bebe McRae ext. 145. **\$285,000**

ARTIST'S DREAM. Creative renovation of a Victorian plus a new, separate studio. Ron ext. 127. **\$275,000**

ROCKRIDGE GEM with original features: 2BR/1BA+study! Hurry! Ron Egberman ext. 127. **\$289,000**

ENCHANTING GLENVIEW CHARMER! 3 BR, light, bright! Leslie Easterday ext. 134. **\$239,000**

ROSE GARDEN WALK. Upscale living @ great price! 4BR/2BA. Ron Egberman ext. 127. **\$185,000**

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5917 MARGARIDO, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2+BA. \$419,000
Just listed! Charming, sunny traditional in perfect location. Dee Knowland
6336 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/1+BA. \$409,000
Just listed! English Tudor, large park-like level yard & patio. Kathy Flynn
6700 AITKEN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA. \$349,000
Split level contemp in gorgeous private setting on 1/4 acre. Bonnie Hirsch
6624 ESTATES DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA. \$349,000
Piedmont side! Lovely tree setting, formal DR. Helen Dantrak! 547-5750
7124 HEMLOCK, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA. \$329,000
Just listed! Spacious all level home & yard. GG/No. Bay views. Teri Carlisle
5819 MORAGA AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/2BA. \$315,000
Just listed! Pied. side, rumpus, solarium, beautiful garden. Wendy Gardner

2033 MANZANITA, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2BA. \$259,000
Just listed! All level living, wonderful street, huge fam y room, Dora
583 MONTCLAIR AVE., CHINA HILL - 4BD/3+BA. \$259,000
Excellent floor plan, large remodeled kit, beautiful gardens. Dora
4101 39TH AVENUE, REDWOOD HTS - 3BD/3BA. \$259,000
Just listed! Beautifully remodeled, large master w/bay view. Diane
1 ALIDA COURT, LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 3BD/1+BA. \$259,000
Just listed! Charming trad, bonus rm to patio & garden. Kathleen
3860 HOWE STREET, PIEDMONT AVE. - 2+BD/1+BA. \$259,000
Just listed! Classic craftsman bungalow, great cond, sunny, yard, Jane
3290 GUIDO ST., REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA. \$259,000
Just listed! Spacious rooms, beat setting, tree views, deck. Sandra
525 MONTE VISTA #10 - ROSE GARDEN - 2BD/2BA. \$259,000
Condo in highly desirable bldg, in-unit laundry, great location. Jane

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EXCEPTIONAL PIEDMONT PROPERTY \$1,950,000
Magnificent home on 1/2 acre. 7+BD/5+BA, rich architectural detail, designer kitchen/family room, library, pool. Georgia Cornell
COMMANDING SF VIEW! \$1,450,000
Gracious custom home with sweeping views. 5+BD/4+BA, huge party room with wet bar, oversized garage. Robyn Mohr
ELEGANT & SOPHISTICATED - PIEDMONT \$995,000
Completely remodeled, beautiful entry, unobstructed panoramic bay views, 3BD/3BA, decks, 2 fireplaces, den. Dee Dee Bonham
EXPANSIVE ROCKRIDGE HOME \$565,000
Approximately 4 years old. 3BD/3+BA, bay view from master suite, family room, formal DR, 2 frpls, basement. Donna DiBardi
PRIVATE GARDEN SETTING \$549,000
Elegant contemp. with bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, 2 bdrm suites, formal DR, spacious kit/family rm. Wendy Gardner
NEW CONSTRUCTION - MONTCLAIR \$543,000
Traditional floor plan, extensive use of hwd, granite & limestone. 4BD/2+BA, level out to landscaped rear yard. Bill Weissberg
ATTRACTIVE PIEDMONT HOME \$525,000
3BD/2BA level-in home, fireplace, family room opens to a private deck, formal dining, 2-car attached garage. Sally Morrison
MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY \$425,000
Just 6 years old! 3BD/2+BA, luxurious master suite, family room/office, formal DR, fabulous kitchen w/access to patio. Teri Carlisle

PIEDMONT PRICED TO SELL! \$289,000
Spacious 4BD/2BA home with good separation of space, full rumpus and office. Large private back yard. Martha Hollister
NEW BERKELEY TOWNHOME \$219,000
One left! Last of four new units in desirable "Gourmet Grange" 2BD/2BA, highest quality, private patio & deck. Bill Weissberg
PIEDMONT FIXER \$259,000
Nice outlook with hill view, 2BD/1BA, formal DR, hwd floors, el back yard, basement & workshop, 2-car garage. Lee
ONE LEVEL LIVING \$219,000
Move-in condition! Choice large lot with hill view, 3BD/2BA, 2 room off kitchen, hwd floors, beautiful yard. Wendy Gardner
COZY MONTCLAIR FIXER \$199,000
2BD/1BA, formal dining room, frpl, hwd floors, 2 plus rooms, breakfast nook, large level out back yard, garage. Kathy Flynn
CHARMING ENGLISH TUDOR \$189,000
2BD/1BA, coved ceiling and fireplace in LR, formal dining room, hardwood floors, breakfast nook, garage. Diane Earl McCar
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Industry clogged: a surfeit of appraisers

W. Moss

of the ashes of the savings bailout, 50 state agencies have risen to regulate appraisers. On the other hand, the industry is probably a good thing. All prior to the Barnard there was no licensing requirement. Anyone could become an appraiser simply by being hired by a private party and turning in an estimate of value.

But now, as needed because of the late 70s we had a few unbridled lending industry practices coupled with a failure to estimate the value of property placed on lender acquisitions. To taxpayers now stands at \$1.1 billion, according to the Department of Accounting Office. The state is still being sorted out. The Trust Corporation went out of business last year. The FDIC inherited all the outstanding loans and as-

not much left in the kitty, about \$8 billion. But we can't sleep peacefully at night, right, it can't happen again. Maybe not.

The original wording of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) also set a minimum value for a licensed or certified appraiser was required when federal was involved. That level was \$50,000.

Since then, however, the de minimis threshold has risen twice. First, it went up to \$100,000 and then, on January 1, 1996, it rose again to \$250,000. Basically, that means all mortgages under \$250,000 no longer require a state licensed or certified appraiser.

They now need only a drive-by, a windshield appraisal, which can be done by anybody. And this does not sit well with many in the industry.

"Those are still significant loan amounts and we believe that property should be appraised by qualified people," said Gary DeWese, Northern California chapter president of the Appraisal Institute.

To put this in perspective, the average price of a home in America

The Institute, an independent national association, confers designations such as Member Appraisal Institute (MAI). The state, on the other hand, has four levels of appraisal licensing and certification: Trainee, Residential General, Residential Certified and General Certified appraisers.

The latter are not restricted by law as to what type of property they may appraise except to the extent that they must meet competency provisions found in the appraisers Uniform Standards rules. Most members of the Institute are licensed by the state. But not all state licensees have an additional designation. Currently, there are approximately 15,000 state licensed or certified

lot of people blame the decline in work for appraisers on the de minimis," said Bob West, director of California's OREA.

"But when you look at the economy, the decline in real estate transactions, there are far more important factors."

The good news is, by most estimates the real estate business in California is now making an upturn. Licensed real estate professionals as well as appraisers should be able to earn a good living in the next few years.

Yet, even with reduced numbers, many industry observers believe there are still too many state licensed and certified appraisers.

"Currently we are in the first renewal cycle," West said. "We've had a decrease equal to about 80 percent of what we once were. There is a similar attrition rate in other states."

"I don't know if there are too many appraisers," West said. "The one thing I am sure of is there's not a shortage."

The consumer may have benefited from a high number of appraisers because the price of an appraisal has not gone up much.

You'll still pay around \$300 for a standard single family residence. Price is often a factor in deciding whether or not to hire an appraiser. An appraisal for income property of up to four units should cost between \$500 and \$700.

Appraisals for larger residential income properties, commercial or industrial buildings, mixed use residential/commercial, and unique-use property will cost substantially

Call county to get rid of household, hazardous waste

This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage or get rid of that unsightly pile in the back yard or the back corner of the house.

Perhaps you've been putting off the task because of "things" lying around you just don't know what to do with: the rest of that varnish from when you finally got around to finishing that table, the oil from the last time you decided to save money and change the oil in the car yourself and or the half a can of smelly insecticide that worked so well on those invading ants (it's no wonder they left!)

If there were a way to quickly and conveniently rid your household of these unwanted items, you'd certainly want to know about it. Well, Alameda County Household and Hazardous Waste may be your answer.

You can rest assured knowing that 80-85 percent of the waste collected at their facilities is either recycled or reused.

For example paint solvent as finds new life as fuel in industrial applications and motor oil is recycled.

This means Call the Alameda County Household and Hazardous Waste at (800) 606-6606.

It is important to distinguish between state-licensed and -certified appraisers and those with a designation.

now stands at about \$178,000, according to Fannie Mae. Thus, no state-licensed or -certified appraiser is needed for an average priced home.

It is important to distinguish between appraisers who are licensed and certified by the state and those who have earned a designation from an organization such as The Appraisal Institute.

appraisers in California. A little over 10 percent are in the trainee or apprentice category.

California's OREA opened mid-year 1991. But the law requiring the use of licensed and certified appraisers did not go into effect until November, 1992, a little ahead of the Federal deadline of January 1, 1993. That was when 7,800 licensees were officially signed up by the state.

Today, it looks as if the number of state licensees has peaked and their numbers are coming down. "A

more.

But DeWese points out that low cost appraisals may not be good for the consumer in the long run. And he believes the quality of appraisals has dropped.

"Licensing and certification has created more appraisers than the market demands," he said. "And many meet only minimum appraisal standards."

Whether the consumer is benefiting in the long run is the question. In a rising market, it's not a problem.

But in a downturn they may be looked at in the future and the qualifications of the appraiser called into question." Director West said the true value to society of appraisal services is, and should be, dictated by the market place.

"Good appraisers add value to the transactions," he said, "by giving

ing decision makers and policy makers at lending institutions accurate information that will assist them in making their decisions."

There is a need for licensed appraisers and when the state began issuing sheep skins, there was a rush to pass the test. Like the real estate gold rush of the 80s, it's begun to taper off.

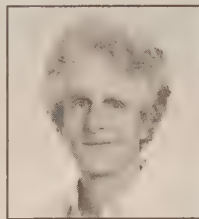
And given the choice, plenty of people would consider not paying for an appraisal at all if they did not have to. In a sense, we have returned to the days of yore when anyone could be an appraiser.

It could happen all over again, couldn't it?

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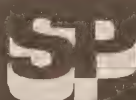
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BAY VIEW WITH TONS OF SPACE!.....\$135,000
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2BR, 1BA, family room, new carpets, new paint, remodeled kitchen, 1-car attached garage, fireplace, partial view. #W38804 Michele Manzone 510-222-2644

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Rare opportunity for a property you can comfortably live in and also produce excellent income. "As Is" sale. Over 2200 sq. ft. Two 2-car garages! Lot to 7,350 sq. ft., large owners unit, ample other unit. #5553 Geri Stern 510-234-7808

ANOTHER RENOVATION!.....\$179,900
3BR, 2.5BA, new roof, new paint, new carpet, BANK OWNED! Fam rm, 1-car gar, almost 1800 sq. ft. #W39098 Jack Burns Jr. 707-864-8870

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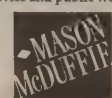
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Events...

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Fu-Tung Cheng, 7 p.m., Thurs., April 10 at Berkeley Mills, 2830 Seventh St. in West Berkeley. Trained as both a fine artist and a tai-chi master, Fu-Tung is a practitioner of East-West design with a B.F.A. from Cal. He designed the home interior for "Waiting to Exhale" author Terry McMillan who is writing about the house for Architectural Digest. Seating is limited and reservations must be made by April 3. Call Berkeley Mills at

549-2854 for reservations and information.

Join Northern California's top gardeners and flower arrangers 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri., April 11 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., April 12 at the Garden Clubs of America's free **Third Annual Visions of San Francisco Flower Show**, at the Center for the Arts, Yerba Buena Gardens. Entrants prepare months in advance for this popular event and judges will come from all over the country to award prizes.

The Alameda County Waste

Management Authority presents a free **Basic Home Composting Workshop**, rain or shine, 10 a.m. to noon Sat., April 12 at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden at Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center building on Bellevue Ave. off Grand Ave. Learn how to compost home and garden waste and transform trash into free fertilizer. Call 635-6275 for more information.

Truitt & White Lumber Co. presents a free contractor seminar: **1997 ADA/California Disabled Acts Regulations**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.,

Sat., April 12 at 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley. Take this opportunity to hear from Berkeley's Neil Rains, AIA and expert in residential and light commercial ADA code requirements. Call 841-0511 for more information.

Truitt & White Lumber Co. presents a free seminar: **What You Need to Know Before You Remodel**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., April 19 at 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley. Paul Winans of Winans Construction will teach you how to maximize the value and rewards of your project, while minimizing

unnecessary cost and frustration. Call 841-0511 for more information.

The Berkeley Association of Realtors invites you to an **Arts and Crafts Fair**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat., April 26 at the association's auditorium, 1553 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way in Berkeley. The fair will benefit the homeless with proceeds donated to Better Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS), the Chaplaincy to the Homeless and the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center. An exciting array of arts and crafts made by local artisans will

include jewelry, hair and pottery. Call Tel. 849 3771 or Davis 8973 for more information.

Park Day School **Cret Gardens** of the tour of ten private gardens 5 p.m., Sun, April 27. Others, a Craftsman with a melodious memoir of the Medici Spices gardens and a with a surprise view. Call 653-0317 for more information.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

21 BOWLING DR. Claremont Pines 5 1/4" tudor, library, pool, view \$1,075,000
Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

119 BEECHWOOD, Claremont Pines, 4bd/3ba colonial \$749,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

17 SERRAMAR, @ Fairlane, Montclair 5bd/3ba, pano view, nice! \$638,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488

1524 FERNWOOD DR, 3+bd/4b tudor, office, aupair, family rm w/frpl \$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

509 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair, 4bd, "great" rm, nw constr, move-in! \$499,000
Pacific Union, Anian Tunney 339-0400

8945 SKYLINE, Piedmont Pines, new 4bd/3ba w/views & space \$495,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cathy Moulton 644-5480

235 SOMERSET RD, Montclair, central floor plan, FDR, grt views! \$479,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogt 339-0400

7277 WOODROW, Montclair 3+bd/2 1/2ba custom, double lot, vw \$479,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

8031 RIDGEMONT DR, Cul-de-sac, bay views, 3bd, decks, Indscpd \$449,000
The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

2930 JOAQUIN MILLER RD, Lincoln Hts 5/3 w/in-law potential, yd \$449,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400

5801 SCARBOROUGH, Montclair 4bd/2+1/2, just listed! deck, garden \$449,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

3362 BRUNELL DR, Joaquin Miller 4 1/2" contemp, smashing bay vws \$443,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

6020 ZINN, New listing! 3/2, mstr suite retreat! canyon outlook \$439,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

6516 HEATHER RIDGE, Montclair, elegant newer contemp, 3/2+ \$425,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242

5917 MARGARIDO, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2+ba, just listed, charming! \$419,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

5727 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4bd/2ba trad'l, new kit, level yd, decks \$419,000
Better Homes, Michael Harding 339-4000

6642 LONGWALK DR, 3bd/2ba private home on 3 wooded lots! \$415,000
Gadsby & Associates, Abby 748-5300

6336 ASCOT DR, Montclair 4bd/1+ba tudor, just listed, yd & patio \$409,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

4232 RIDGEMONT CT, 2700 sf, elegant mstr, fab pool, landscaped \$409,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

6120 BULLARD DR, Walk to village, updt kit, hwdws, frpl, rec rm \$399,500
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickie 339-1174

5779 BALMORAL DR, Oak Hills, level-in 5+3+, family room, pool \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442

101 STARVIEW CT, Hiller Highlands 3bd/2 1/2ba, vw of SF, a beauty! \$398,000
Coldwell Banker, Olie Hammer 339-1174

410 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4bd, 3 updt baths, 2 frpl, patio, vw \$389,000
Pacific Union, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

3321 RUBIN DR, Joaquin Miller 3/2, 1/2 acre on cul-de-sac, bay vw \$379,000
Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400

21 KINGWOOD RD, 4+bd, mstr, SF vw, office/den, hwdws, 2-car gar \$379,000
The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

5647 MILES AVE, Rockridge 4+bd/2ba craftsman +rear 1bd cottage \$379,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

1178 HOLMAN RD @ Grosvenor, Lovely remodeled Crocker trad'l, \$375,000
FDR, frpl, hwdws, 3bd/2+ba, Updr Open College Ave RE 845-8008

2100 FUNSTON PL, Oakmore 3+bd/2 1/2ba, stunning pano views! \$365,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 339-4000

183 CRESTMONT, 4bd/3ba \$359,500
Coldwell Banker, Soheyl Modarressi 486-1495

4737 PROCTOR AVE, Upper Rockridge, 3bd/2 1/2ba light-filled house, \$359,000
new construction, 1st open! Beacon Properties, Gael Janofsky 654-5408

6624 ESTATES DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, FDR, lovely tree setting \$349,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 547-5750

6700 AITKEN DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba split level on private 1/4 acre \$349,000
Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

940 ALMA PLACE, Crocker, 3+bd, master suite, large yard \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkind 653-8092

6278 CLIVE AVE, P. Pines 3/2, rumpus, patio, hwdws, nw kl/baths \$329,500
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankarn 339-0400

6201 CLIVE, P. Pines, 4bd/2b, serene wooded setting, FDR, 2 frpls \$329,500
Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

6132 JOHNSTON DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, sunny, level-in, on \$329,500
cul-de-sac, hills view, Agent/Joel Kirschbaum 254-6180 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

7124 HENLOCK, Montclair 2b/1b, just listed! GG/bay vws, level yd \$329,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

461 FLORENCE, Upper Rockridge 2bd, lg verandah off kit, garden \$324,000
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

230 DUNCAN WY, Montclair 2bd bungalow, FDR, patio & garden \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400

421 & 387 CAPRICORN, Montclair 3bd, 1/1 cottage w/deck & frpl \$319,000
Pacific Union, Karen Starr 339-0400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

6185 WESTOVER, Montclair 4bd/3ba \$315,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

2525 ALIDA, Lincoln Heights 5bd/4ba, lg family room, 2 frpls, \$309,950
deck, in-law potential. National RE Services, Charles Rivers 482-2380

1842 BRENTWOOD RD, Upper Oakmore, cozy 3bd/2ba charmer, \$309,900
hardwoods, FDR, eat-in kitchen, landscaped yd w/bay view. Michael 482-4064

4082 WATERHOUSE, Oakmore, 3bd/1 1/2ba English tudor, grt garden \$309,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lois Heyden 644-5408

935 WARFIELD AVE, Lakeshore 2-story trad'l, 4bd/2ba, lg deck, yd \$305,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

2033 MANZANITA, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, just listed, huge family rm \$299,500
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

583 MONTCLAIR AVE, China Hill, 4bd/3+ba, lg remod kit, gardens \$299,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

4101 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts, 3bd/3ba, just listed, lg mstr w/bay vw \$298,000
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

5100 PARKRIDGE, All level, family rm/kitchen combo, 4bd/2ba \$298,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pam Cornford 869-4213

762 MANDANA, Crocker, wonderful & affordable 3bd/2ba \$295,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, DA Hammond 869-4219

5863 CHELTON, 1st open! private P.Pines 2bd/1 1/2b, den, decks, yd \$295,000
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

6709 THORNHILL, Great value! 3bd/2 1/2ba, lg mstr, 4 decks, woodsy \$289,000
Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

5677 CABOT DR, Montclair 2bd/2ba, seller motivated, price reduced \$284,500
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

4501 HARBORD DR, Upr Rockridge cute 3bd starter, plus rm, bsmt \$279,500
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

542 FAIRBANKS, Fabulous craftsman, 3bd bungalow, breakfast rm, \$279,000
formal dining room, stone fireplace, 1650 sf. OPEN SUNDAY 2-5 487-4ERA

6318 DORAN DRIVE, Montclair 4bd/3ba, Foreclosure. Over 2500 sf, \$279,000
nice yard. Broker 523-9300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

10575 ENGLEWOOD, 3bd/2ba, foyer, FDR, fam rm w/frpl, 1/3 acre \$275,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

3930 NORTON, Redwood Hts 3bd, hwdws, nw paint, some view \$269,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

6677 BANNING DR, Montclair 3bd/1+1/2, exceptional value, ready! \$269,000
Better Homes, Edith Marcus 339-4000

1 ALIDA CT, Lincoln Hts 3bd/1+ba, bonus rm to patio & garden \$260,000
Pacific Union, Kathleen Callahan 339-6460

447 61st St, Rockridge, beautiful Queen Anne, original craftsmanship \$260,000
plus upgrades, great location! Telemuse 408-353-8754 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

1824 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair, bright & airy 2+bd/1 1/2ba, grt yard \$259,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

3715 ELSTON, Delightful! 3/2 Spanish Med, lg family rm, storage \$259,000
Wells & Bennett, Pat Buehler 893-8272

6286 COLBY, Rockridge 2+bd/1ba \$257,000
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lockberg 486-1495

4224 LA CRESTA, Sunny 4bd/2b, nw kitchen, remod ba, lg back yd \$249,900
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256

3960 HOWE ST, nr Piedmont Ave, 2+bd/1+ba classic craftsman, yd \$235,000
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

4665 Benevides, 2/1 bungalow, Glenview cul-de-sac, hwdw, nw kl/ba \$229,000
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000

3538 KEMPTON WAY, nr Piedmont Ave, grand 4+2, lg FDR, frpl \$219,950
Coldwell Banker, Stacy Winnit 339-1174

3318 JORDAN RD, Redwood Hts 2+bd/1ba, lg park-like lot w/creek \$219,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

499 JEAN ST, nr Piedmont Ave, 2b/1b, 1st open! wonderful crtsmnl \$219,000
Better Homes, Jim Schubert 339-4000

3290 GUIDO ST, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1ba, just listed, tree vws, deck \$215,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

2665 Monterey BL, Main lvl 2bd library, +rm w/entry; rm w/entry down \$199,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

3874 HANLY RD, Glenview 3bd/2ba, large woodsy lot, nd TLC \$199,000
Better Homes, Richard Keeling 339-4000

3869 LYMAN RD, 3bd/1ba, remodeled & ready for occupancy! \$199,000
Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300

7308 OUTLOOK AVE, 5bd/2b tudor style, approximately 2000 sf, \$195,000
bay view. Principals only. 893-7099 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3814 WHITTLE AVE, Upr Dimond 2+bd/2ba, move in condition, \$189,000
spacious master suite, lovely yard, Eugene J. Millstein, Broker 527-8822

3912 LYMAN, Dimond district/near Dimond Park, 2+bd, double lot \$189,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501

305 WARWICK AVE, Adams Point, 2bd/1b, cheerful/charming/ready \$169,000
Better Homes, Seki Chikami 339-4000

3952 PATTERSON, Laurel 2+1/4, updt kit/bath, retrofitted, bsmt \$169,000
Pacific Union, Pat Dedekian 339-6460

525 MONTE VISTA #10, Rose Garden 2b/2b condo, in-unit laundry \$169,000
Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460

447 63rd, 2bd/1ba \$168,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

2558 SCENIC, Dimond, roomy 2bd/1ba, charming, good deal \$164,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

678 FAIRVIEW ST, No. Oakland, charming 2/1 on great quiet street \$159,900
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Heil Perrett 644-5403

376 ORANGE #2, Adams Point, 2bd Med, courtlyd entry, frpl, garage \$159,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536

4108 FONTAINE CT, Oak Knoll 4bd/2ba +in-law, charming garden \$159,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643

754 43rd St, 2bd/1ba nice clean home, great deck \$155,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217

383 STATEN #201, Adams Pt, spacious & sunny 3bd/2b w/laundry \$149,500
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

2624 BEST AV, Maxwell Pk 2bd, charm, FDR, remod kit, deck, yd \$149,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

9016 SENECA ST, 2bd/1ba, family room, updated kitchen \$147,500
Mason-McDuffie, Maxina Chess 834-2010

3721 FRUITVALE #B, 1st Open! 2 1/2" twnm, frpl, 2-car gar, a 10! \$145,000
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000

3065 BIRDSALL, Maxwell Pk 2bd/1ba, recently remodeled, \$144,000
frpl, lovely yard. National RE Services, Charles Rivers 482-2380

3118 63rd AVE, New on market, 3bd, Mrs Clean lives here! \$138,000
Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 339-4000

878 46TH ST, 2+bd/1b, full basement, totally remodeled, new kitchen, \$135,000
wall-wall cpts, upgraded plumb/elect. Principals only. 893-7099 SUNDAY 2-4

750 OAKLAND AVE, next to Rose Garden, 2/2 condo, near transp... \$135,000
Also 1/1 condo \$99,500. Agent 654-4277 BOTH UNITS OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

474 59th St, Lower Rockridge, 1st open! charming 2bd/2ba cottage, \$125,000
garden, detached office. Beacon Properties, Gael Janofsky 654-5408

5315 CAMDEN, Move in! lovely 2bd bungalow, frpl, FDR, nr Mills \$119,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

10 MOSS AVE, Unit 21, 2bd/1ba, move in condition! private balcony, \$87,000
new carpet. JM Realty 536-0464 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

280 VICTORIA, 4bd/3ba Alameda beauty! \$357,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

2839 JOHNSON AVE, 3+bd/2ba \$356,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

1333 WEBSTER ST Unit A-106, 1bd/1ba condo \$97,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday

942 EVELYN, Albany 2bd/2ba \$486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

959 MILLER AVE, No. Berkeley 4/3, work of art! FDR, sunlit! \$486-1495
The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

2958 RUSSELL ST, New listing! 1913 trad'l, 4 1/2" w/charming \$486-1495
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2946 PIEDMONT AVE, Berkeley 3bd/3 1/2ba \$486-1495
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

825 HILDALE, 4bd/3ba \$486-1495
Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495

200 THE UPLANDS, New listing! 1-level adobe style 3/2, garden \$486-1495
J. T. Ward Realtors, Gayle Tantau 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

455 ARLINGTON AV, Elegant remodeled 3/2 Tudor, bay vw, \$486-1495
new kitchen, 2 frpls, original charm! Ritchey RE 527-3060 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1212 MILVIA, North Berkeley, 3/1 up & 1/1 down, lg sunny flat \$486-1495
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174

7559 CLAREMONT AVE, 3bd/3ba, huge lot, potential! great \$486-1495
canyon setting. The Prudential Landmark RE, Agt: Dennis Hume

1611 ROSE, 1st open! North Berkeley jewel, 2+bd/den/study \$486-1495
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2444D VIRGINIA, 3bd/3ba \$486-1495
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

1056 EUCLID AVE, Cheerful, updated 2bd/1ba. Bring offers! \$486-1495
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

806 DELAWARE, 2bd/1ba \$486-1495
Coldwell Banker, Nacio Brown 486-1495

3001 FULTON ST, Bright & friendly 2+bd +sep. lg studio space \$486-1495
Templeton Company, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133

2010 HEARST AVE #F, No. Berkeley Br Shingle 2/1+ twrbs, hwdw \$486-1495
J. T. Ward Realtors, Vicky Friedman 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1904 MILVIA, Berkeley 2+bd/2ba \$486-1495
Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienhall 486-1495

1315-1317 PARKER, Nice duplex, 2bd each unit, great area \$486-1495
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1014
The Name of the Business:
Bay Computers, 3252 Burning Tree Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583
Is registered by the following owner:
Jeff Montague, 3252 Burning Tree Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 20, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 20, 1997. The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1471
The Name of the Business:
Nissinoff Company, 1601 Broadway St., #608, Concord, CA 94520
Is registered by the following owner:
Gina Nissinoff, 1601 Broadway St., #608, Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 10, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 10, 1997. The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1431
The Name of the Business:
Gina Nissinoff, 1601 Broadway St., #608, Concord, CA 94520
Is registered by the following owner:
Gina Nissinoff, 1601 Broadway St., #608, Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by a general partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 10, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1541
The Name of the Business:
J J Wood, 5327 Jacuzzi St., #43, Richmond, CA 94804
Is registered by the following owner:
Charles Tel, 5535 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 12, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 12, 1997. The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1123
The Name of the Business:
J.L.D. Enterprises, 3579 Terrace Way, #28, Lafayette, CA 94549
Is registered by the following owner:
Jeffrey Lynn DeSalles, 3579 Terrace Way, #28, Lafayette, CA 94549
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 21, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 21, 1997. The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOANN DUPRAT aka JOANN CHESTER
Case Number P97-00396
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOANN DUPRAT aka JOANN CHESTER

This notice was mailed on March 11, 1997 at Lafayette, CA.

The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1054
The Name of the Business:

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A PETITION has been filed by Daniel G. Duprat, in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa.

THE PETITION requests that Daniel G. Duprat be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 15, 1997 at 11 a.m. in Dept. 51, located at 725 Court St., Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Daniel Duprat
This notice was mailed on March 11, 1997 at Lafayette, CA.

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J/VJ International, 4411 Sugarland Ct., Concord, CA 94521.

Is registered by the following owners:
Jimmy Lee Gray, 4411 Sugarland Ct., Concord, CA 94521
Valerie Ann Gray, 4411 Sugarland Ct., Concord, CA 94521

This business is conducted by an Individuals-Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 19, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1331
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Animal Fair, 2) oh, baby!, 221 Ramona Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530-4144
Are registered by the following owner:
Jeanette Gardipee Fleming, 221 Ramona Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530-4144
These businesses are conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on March 3, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 3, 1997. The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1239
The Name of the Business:
Basket Case, 110 Sims Rd., Oakley, CA 94561
Is registered by the following owner:
Michelle R. Cipriani, 110 Sims Rd., Oakley, CA 94561

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 26, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 26, 1997. The Journal March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-1348
The Names of the Businesses:
1) CyberPiper Enterprises, 2) Cadpiper Power Users, 3) CPU, 3660 Sun View Way, Concord, CA 94520
Are registered by the following owner:
Mark Annis, 3660 Sun View Way, Concord, CA 94520

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NOTICE OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Easrow No. 97-093
1. A bulk sale is about to be made
2. A. The name and business address of the Seller are:
ULLIAN LEHMAN
273 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707
B. Any other business names and addresses used by the Seller within the last three (3) years:
NONE

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C. The name and business address of the Buyer are:
WALTER L. BALDING and ANY LOU BALDING
81 Copper Avenue, Kensington, CA 94708

3. The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: Furniture, equipment, good-will and inventory of retail flower stand business known as:
LILLIAN'S, located at 273 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707

4. A. The place of the bulk sale is: Law Office of Ronald C. Huff, 1211 Newell Avenue, Suite 118, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5331
B. The anticipated date of the bulk sale is April 8, 1997
5. A. The bulk sale is subject to Section 6108.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code
B. The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed: Ronald C. Huff, Lawyer, 1211 Newell Avenue, Suite 118, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5331
C. The last date for filing claims is April 7, 1997
Signed: Walter L. Balding, Buyer
Any Lou Balding, Buyer
The Journal March 20, 1997

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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1997 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you.

BMW, 525i, 1991 Custom wheels, CD player, 122K miles. Great condition. \$16,000. 706-7644.

HONDA, 1995 Accord EX, 4 door, forest tan leather, 37K, warranty, CD. Make offer. 530-0923.

KEEP IT Local! Donate your vehicle to Berkeley Boosters, helping Berkeley's children since 1983. Tax deductible. We'll pick up and do the paperwork. Call 704-0467.

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MERCEDES 300D, 1976. Runs well, needs work. \$800/best offer. Marcus 336-9729.

PONTIAC, Parisienne, 1985, \$2000, or best offer. 1 owner, 120K, good shape, regular servicing. 339-6036.

SATURN SL, 1993. Excellent condition, clean, 66K, 5 speed, AM/FM, no air. \$5500. 854-4053.

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175. Porsche, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. A-707 for current listings.

STERLING, 825SL, 1987. Like new, 1 owner, 57K, silver blue, sunroof, leather, stock. \$4500. 652-5596.

The Joseph Mattewick foundation needs your tax deductible vehicle, boat/ RV to support youth non-violence programs in local schools. (510)889-7451.

TRIUMPH, GT6, 1973. Engine rebuilt, repainted, extra parts. \$950. 510-331-6130.

VOLKSWAGEN 1965. Bug, runs, good work car, or parts, \$475. Afternoons, 631-3095.

VW 1990, Jetta GL, white, 4-door, automatic, air-conditioning, all records, 84K, \$5,700. 510-595-1999.

YAMAHA, 1985 motor scooter. 50cc, 2300 miles, reliable, runs great. \$400. 652-5596.

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

104 Motorcycles

HONDA Rebel 250, 1996, \$4,000 or best offer. 510-521-2814.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recruit them to help young boys. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland. 510-444-3204.

49 OVERWEIGHT people wanted to lose weight and earn extra income! Call (510)464-1013.

206 Found

DOG, young female shepherd mix, vicinity Donal and Norwell, El Cerrito. Call 529-5595.

FOUND white Samoyed mix, female, freckles. 38th Ave., Oakland. 530-6665.

MALE Rottweiler (mixed?) 1 year old, Intact. Lake Merritt, March 13th, 465-9525.

FOUND watch, Rockridge Payless parking lot, Saturday, March 15, 339-1637.

207 Giveaway

BLACK cat, middle-aged male. Crying for attention. Needs warm lap. Baby eligible. Donation 510-524-0448.

LOGS, assorted sizes, for pick up. 339-2718.

LACEY, purebred Persian, blue/gray, lap cat, sole pet, teen-age, okay, de-clawed, donation. 415-585-3251.

"DANIEL", collie mix, 2+ years, semi-housebroken, black/tan, medium hair, neutered, shots. Affectionate. Donation. 436-5932.

"KRISTY", 3 years, orange/white Tabby, playful, spayed, tested, shots. Best as only animal. 406-263-1938.

TERRIER mix/white, 11 month old neutered male. Housebroken. Donation 841-6323.

208 Lost

LOST orange and white male cat, Ridgmont Dr. Thursday, March 6th. Family pet. Reward. 482-5136.

MALE, brownish black, "Tasha" Reward 339-1036.

"MADISON", female Ridgeback, 8 years, 90 pounds, red/brown/black. March 9th, nylon collar. 530-8614.

"GRACE", white Persian cat, golden eyes. Last seen Upper Glenview area. 530-5037.

"MUDDY", female tortoiseshell cat, white flea collar. March 9, Diamond Park area. 482-1233.

YORKIE "Scotty", February 23rd, Jack London Square. 5 pounds, male, black/gray. Reward. 406-422-3784; 339-9474.

COCKER Spaniel, male, brown with black ears, 10, nearly blind, "Nordstrom". Montclair, March 14. 339-3795.

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL. Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

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SPIRITUAL Direction for children and families. No time on weekends? Worried about parochial school influence? Sandra Decker, M.Div., 526-0972.

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ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-95. 531-5625 message.

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SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK. (Agency Shop Position) Job #622-3218. Budget Office. 12 months, 7.5 hours/day, Range 24. \$1,225-\$1,682 per month.

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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. 1025 Second Ave. Room 201. Oakland, CA 94606.

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BIOMEDICAL firm in Emeryville needs detail-oriented full-time team player to meet deadlines. ADMINISTRATOR. Must have excellent computer skills, including WordPerfect 5.1, Microsoft office, strong writing and organizational skills. \$20-\$25K.

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CARPET Cleaning Technician. Good DMV \$1400 to \$2200 per month. Will train. Mr. Lane 532-3273.

CASHIER, full-time, nights, \$5/hour plus benefits. Apply: 203 East 18th Street, Oakland.

CASHIER/Phone, part-time. Send or fax resume: Trutt & White Lumber, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94710. 510-649-2664; fax 845-2604.

CHILDREN'S Center. Part-time, needed weekdays/evenings, apply Harbor Bay Club, 200 Packet Landing Road, Alameda.

CLAIMS Positions. Leading TPA in Worker's Compensation claims administration is seeking claims professionals who enjoy working in a team environment for our Concord office. Claims Examiner. Candidates must possess at least 2 years prior experience in claims environment and working knowledge of WC laws in CA to provide timely and accurate claims administration for the purpose of cost effective claims management on behalf of assigned client. California self insured certificate and college degree preferred. Claims Assistant. Candidates must possess at least one to two years prior experience in a business customer service environment, working knowledge of medical terminology and knowledge of general office practices and procedures to assure prompt and accurate payment of compensation and medical fee bills in order to meet contractual and regulatory obligations. Bilingual (Spanish/English) individuals required. Working knowledge of WC laws in CA preferred. High school diploma or equivalent required. Receptionist. Candidates must possess at least two years of related work experience, working knowledge of effective telephone usage and general office procedures. Minimum typing and data entry. Please reply in confidence with salary requirements to: GatesMcDonald, Attention: Karen Sykes, 2300 Clayton Road, Suite 900, Concord, CA 94520-2155, fax (510)929-5581. No phone calls, please. EOE. GatesMcDonald is a member of the Nationwide Insurance Enterprise.

COACHES for Albany recreational swim team, 4:30-5:30 p.m. weekdays. Contact Mrs. Olson, 525-5151.

COOK. Children's Hospital Oakland is seeking an on-call cook to prepare food for hospital patients, employees and visitors. Will review menu to determine type and quality of food to prepare.

Candidates must have at least one year cook experience in an institutional setting, and have a basic understanding regarding use and maintenance of all kitchen equipment.

Send resume to: Human Resources, Children's Hospital Oakland, 747 52nd Street, Oakland, CA 94609, Fax: (510)428-3308. E-mail: cho.hr.oi@cho.org. EOE.

401 Help Wanted

COUNTERPERSON for Montclair Village cafe. Part-time/full-time. Experienced. Naji 339-9260.

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DATA entry clerk needed for nonprofit youth service agency. Full benefits. Call 638-3600, ext. 118 or fax resume to 638-2179.

DAYCARE Assistant, loving, kind, caring, honest, reliable. Part-time. Non-smoker. Large home, good working conditions. 655-5999.

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\$685 CONDOMINIUM near Piedmont. Cozy, architecturally exciting, privacy. Deck, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara) 272-9612.

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\$685 ONE bedroom, fourplex, formal dining room, garden, garage, front and back entrance, view, near Piedmont. Lovely kitchen! many cabinets, gas stove/filtered air system. SF bus. No pets. 415-668-2631.

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285 Lee St., Spacious 1 bedroom. Quiet and quality, modern convenience, deck, walk-in, A/EK. Best Adams Point location. Must See! Call 465-3046

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\$750 MONTCLAIR, detached 2-story. Most utilities paid. Private deck and yard. SF view. 530-6443

\$750 MONTCLAIR, in-law, private driveway, laundry room, patio, (walk) Village, utilities included. No pets. 530-7512.

\$750 PIEDMONT border, sunny, quiet, balcony, large walk-in closets, 775 ft. wall maintained, responsive on-site management, enclosed dated parking available. Piedmont/Rockridge shopping. 428-4962

\$775 ROCKRIDGE 1+ bedrooms in fourplex. Large kitchen, carpets, parking, coin laundry. Cat okay. 465-9064

\$785 CHINA Hill, fourplex, upper unit. View, hardwood, dishwasher, laundry, garage. Available April 1. 465-7187.

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\$700 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floor, garage. Lake view, 2204 Lakeshore. No pets. 893-6319

\$700 TWO bedrooms, 1 bath, in fourplex, with garage. Newish carpet and paint. Includes water and garbage. No pets. Drive by 916 MacArthur. Agent. Mary 531-7010.

\$725 LARGE, sunny 2 bedroom with balcony, garage, laundry room, carpets, drapes, A/EK. 451-8353

\$725 TWO bedroom, 1 1/2 bath in Redwood Heights area. Spacious apartment in 4 unit building. Wood burning fireplace, 1 car garage and on site laundry. 865-8250, 531-6118 (evenings).

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\$1150- \$1250 UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom condominium near Lake Merritt, Lakeshore Shopping District. New 7 units, security building with elevator, parking, patios, decks, washer/dryer in each unit, approximately 1100 square feet, some Lake views, 1 year lease, no pets, non-smoking 400 Wayne Avenue Shown by appointment 452-2944

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\$1150 STUNNING, modern, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Walk-in closet, fireplace, pool, pet amenities, near transportation. Dimond Heights. Pets negotiable. 338-1938

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\$1200

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2 bedroom corner unit, with Balcony, wooded acres, large pool and private garage. 2 BED-ROOM, 2 FULL BATHS- top floor corner unit on Piedmont border, near Rose garden. Great shopping and transportation. Cats okay 658-3280

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\$990 HUGGE, sunny upper flat. Hardwood floors, dining room, garage. 2712 Harrison 482-9811.

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\$525 TWO bedroom cottage, nice area. Newly remodeled, near Holy Names College. Anthony. 261-5633

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The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

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File No. 97-739
The Name of the Business:
The Old Forge Press, 42F Honesuckle Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3237, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owners:
Roy Marock, 425 Honesuckle Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583
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This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 4, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

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File No. 97-829
The Name of the Business:
Kayna Imports, 3338 Brook St., Lafayette, CA 94549 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 849, Lafayette, CA 94549-0849
Is registered by the following owners:
Karyn JoAnn Thomson, 3338 Brook Street, Lafayette, CA 94549
Jelena Ma, 4954 Stoneridge Ct., Oakland, CA 94605
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1035
The Name of the Business:
Apogee International, 2233 Soenic Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Faith Schwartz, 2233 Soenic Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-861
The Name of the Business:
Kath-Ken Assoc, 643 Bountry Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Kathryn Metz, 643 Bountry Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 7, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1033
The Name of the Business:
Sunflower Patch Family Day Care, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, 94530.
Is registered by the following owner:
Claudia Liz Dares, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 7, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1025
The Name of the Business:
Bunch Investigations, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94561
Is registered by the following owners:
Kirk B. Bunch, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94561
Margaret Bunch, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94561
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-556
The Name of the Business:
Tool Mechanical Services, 836 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Anthony O'Leary, 836 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-717
The Name of the Business:
AD-NET Services, 717 McLaughlin St., Richmond, CA 94805
Is registered by the following owner:
Lindsey K. Elam, 717 McLaughlin St., Richmond, CA 94805
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-597
The Name of the Business:
T.W. Bell Enterprises, 816 Dobrich Cir., Bay Point, CA 94565. P.O. Box 5335, Bay Point, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Thomas Wayne Bell, 816 Dobrich Cir., Bay Point, 94565
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 28, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-825
The Name of the Business:
MP Enterprises, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553-5568
Is registered by the following owners:
Howard Perdue, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553
Robert Mills, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 6, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-713
The Name of the Business:
Basket Babies, 119 Hale Court, Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owner:
Anna Liza G. Price, 119 Hale Court, Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 3, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-797
The Name of the Business:
East Co. Co. Records, 233 Sussex St., Concord, CA 94520
Is registered by the following owner:
Ryan Mitchell Wood, 233 Sussex St., Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 5, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-534
The Name of the Business:
Dazzling Designs, 20 Cedar Hollow Dr., Danville, CA 94526
Is registered by the following owner:
Maria Nagy, 20 Cedar Hollow Dr., Danville, CA 94526
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 28, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-947
The Name of the Business:
E.M. West, 1360 Rudger Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is registered by the following owner:
Margaret E. Hest, 1360 Rudger Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-900
The Name of the Business:
Armenian Genocide Resource Center, 5600 McBryde Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Is registered by the following owner:
Richard Dorian Holian, 5400 McBryde Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 11, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-771
The Name of the Business:
Only Baja, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
Is registered by the following owner:
Ed Calvin, 5000 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94514.
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 5, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1162
The Name of the Business:
Alamo Real Properties, 173 South Via Lucia, Alamo, CA 94507
Is registered by the following owner:
Chi-Hwan Oh, 173 South Via Lucia, Alamo, CA 94507
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 24, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1026
The Name of the Business:
ANSWERS, 3960 Charles Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is registered by the following owners:
Carl Steiner, 3960 Charles Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-530
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Cash Savers 2) GWH Enterprises 3) Insight Enterprises, 6680 Alhambra Ave. #203, Martinez, CA 94553
Are registered by the following owner:
George W. Harris, 3253 Brookwood Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 12, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 12, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1231
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Dell Publications 2) TeleCheck, 5232 Panama Ave., Richmond, CA 94804
Are registered by the following owner:
Elizabeth Duke, 5232 Panama Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 26, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 26, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-805
The Name of the Business:
Intelligence Communications, 6119 Columbia Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
Belinda Laung, 6119 Columbia Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-797
The Name of the Business:
In the Word Data Processing, 2648 Wellington Ct., Concord, CA 94520
Is registered by the following owner:
Melba C. Crider, 2648 Wellington Ct., Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1279
The Name of the Business:
Carter Mazzotti Productions, 2950 Baskirk Ave #140, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is registered by the following owner:
Debbie Carter, 225 Whitehaven Way, Martinez, CA 94553
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 10, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 10, 1997.
The Journal March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1007
The Name of the Business:
Sim International, 706 Buchanan Rd. #147, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is registered by the following owner:
Shawna Kanwar, 211 West Buchanan Rd. #147, Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 14, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1062
The Name of the Business:
J. Girls Ruled the World..., 1352 S. 49th St., Elgin, CA 94804
Is registered by the following owners:
Barbara Keller, 156 Schooner Court, Richmond, CA 94804
Catherine Rezor, 156 Schooner Court, Richmond, CA 94804
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 1, 1996.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 19, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1152
The Name of the Business:
Eng and Associates, 1050 Villa Nueva Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Gross Eng, 1050 Villa Nueva Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 24, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1195
The Name of the Business:
Photo Perfect, 230 Pamela Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803, P.O. Box 21013, El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is registered by the following owner:
Nancy Zeiler, 230 Pamela Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 25, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 25, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-947
The Name of the Business:
Dixon Vending, 965 St. Andrews Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is registered by the following owners:
Hezel Conner, 965 St. Andrews Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Jo A. Dixon, 2955 Arundel Way, San Pablo, CA 94806
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 24, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1340
The Name of the Business:
Lucid Design, 447 Beloit Avenue, Kensington, CA 94708
Is registered by the following owner:
Michael A. Zipkin, 447 Beloit Avenue, Kensington, CA 94708
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 3, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1187
The Name of the Business:
Pan American Enterprises, 1661-A Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Bren Diabrow, 2473 Pine Street, Martinez, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 3, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-1187
The Name of the Business:
Pan American Enterprises, 1661-A Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA 94530
Is registered by the following owner:
Grupo Pan American Inc.
State of Incorporation: California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 25, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 25, 1997.
The Journal March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1997.

Notice Of Trustee's Sale. Trustee Sale No. 96112656
A/N 527-142-020-9 You Are In Default Under A Installment To Trust Dated 12/22/93 Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property. It May Be Sold At A Public Sale If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 04/03/97 at 10:00 AM, Trott & Trott, a Professional Corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, Recorded on 02/29/94 as Document No. 94-024805 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, executed by Ralph C. Hansen and Mary A. Hansen, husband and wife, as Trustor, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, a Utah Corporation, as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States; by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) at: the Main Entrance to the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, describing the land thereon, Lot 36 and 37 in Block 4, as designated on the Map entitled "Map of Andrade Central Tract, Contra Costa County California," which Map was filed in the Office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California, on April 19, 1910 in Book 3 of Maps at Page 52. The property hereafter described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2435 Blum Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$103,188.69 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation Date. 03/05/97 Trott & Trott, P.C., 3070 Telegraph Blvd., Ste 100, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 (810)642-2515 By: Ann B. Schaffer, Attorney and Agent 5234372-3/13/02/97 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-924
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Neuroreux Records, 2) TRANSTACH 180 Tracy Lane, Alamo 94507
Are registered by the following owners:
Matt Cramer, 180 Tracy Lane, Alamo 94507
Brian Batts, 25 Arlene Lane, Walnut Creek 94595
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-977
The Name of the Business:
Soul Play, Lakeshore, 3702 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549
Is registered by the following owner:
Elizabeth A. Warren, 3270 Theresa Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549
This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-871
The Name of the Business:
Portraits of Youth, 1212 Fascination Circle, El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is registered by the following owner:
Phyllis Flynn, 1212 Fascination Circle, El

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Sobranie 94803
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-978
The Name of the Business:
M.L. Henderson & Associates, 104 Devonwood, Hercules, CA 94547
Is registered by the following owner:
Mickey Lee Henderson, 7751 Mill Creek Rd. Herculesburg, CA 95448
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-970
The Name of the Business:
B & B Lumber, 96 Broadway Street, Richmond, CA 94804
Is registered by the following owner:
Barbara D. Price, 11261-A San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-951
The Name of the Business:
Central Air Systems, 5450 Roundtree Place #B, Concord, CA 94521
Is registered by the following owner:
Brian Edwards, 5450 B Roundtree Place, Concord, CA 94521
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El Cerrito Chamber's Goal is to Unify the El Cerrito Community

EL CERRITO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Encouraged by the early response, President June Boblitt has renewed her invitation to local residents to become associate members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

She called on all citizens interested in this city's future development to join the Chamber and "start working together with us to see that El Cerrito becomes the best community possible."

"We'll never be able to achieve this goal," she warned, "unless we stop tearing this city apart by using name-calling and personal attacks to destroy those who offer differing views. It's time this stopped. We've got a lot to do if we're ever going to turn El Cerrito into a city where people want to get along with each other."

That, Boblitt explains, is the goal she will attempt to achieve during her term of

office.

"I hope," she added, "to have the Chamber of Commerce play a key role in helping to unify this community for the good of all. That's the reason I'm inviting everyone - both old and new residents, liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, environmentalists and neighborhood groups, business people and seniors - to join our organization regardless of their views on how this city should be run."

Strengthening the Chamber in this way, Boblitt added, could be the first step in really bringing all elements of this community together to work out a development plan everyone can live with.

"All it requires is people of good will who are willing to make compromises. Those kind of people is what it takes to devise a consensus development plan for bettering this city," claims Boblitt.

As part of her plan to bring people together, the new Chamber president

announced she was going to conduct a survey of the community to check out views on the referendum program and on the revitalization of the El Cerrito Plaza area.

"The first step in the education program," she explained, "will be to get the business people belong to the Chamber to achieve consensus on two vital issues."

She urged residents interested in assisting the effort to join the Chamber of Commerce by joining the organization at 10848 San Pablo Avenue or by telephoning 233-7040.

Born in San Francisco, Boblitt has been a resident of El Cerrito for 50 years and a member of the Chamber of Commerce here for 20 years.

During her years in the chamber, she has owned and operated Full Travel, located at 10848 San Pablo Avenue. That, she spent 20 years as owner/director of the El Cerrito Ballet Center.



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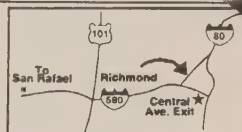
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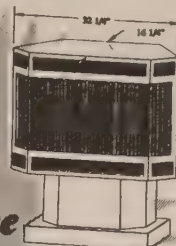


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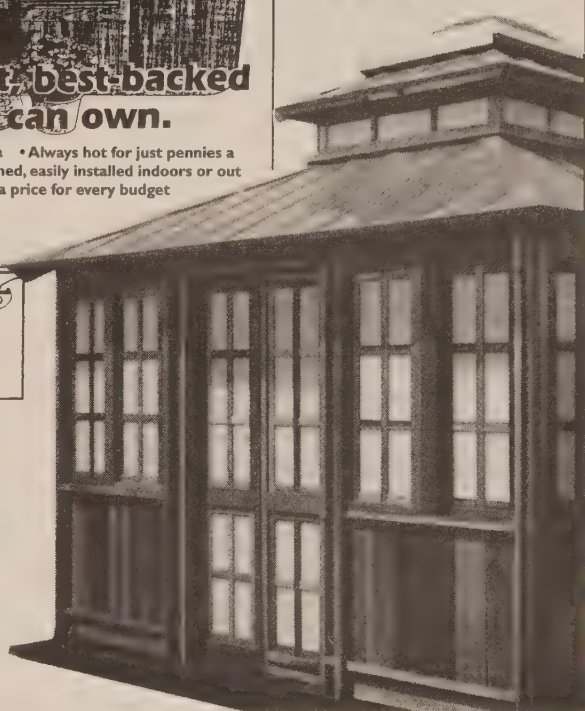
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Unassuming on the outside, House of Carpets is like Aladdin's Cave on the inside, complete with sumptuous fabrics, "magic" carpets, and floorings with incredible strength and beauty. It is populated by friendly and knowledgeable people ready to

make your home improvement projects go smoothly.

For over 25 years, House of Carpets has been providing exquisite floor and window treatments to its customers, whether El Cerrito and Richmond neighbors or residents from all over Northern California—Marin County to the Gold Country, and as far north as Lake Berryessa.

The store's long-term

success can be credited to the efforts of John and Nora Rhodes, who have created a quality business and live up to the good name they established long ago. Their many loyal repeat and second generation customers testify to their success.

John purchased the company from its original owners and Nora joined him four years ago. Along with their staff, they emphasize

caring personalized service; dependable, made-to-last quality products; an enthusiastic attitude; knowledge and technical expertise, combined with a clear sense of professionalism. House of Carpets has all the qualities of a small family-run business—with a "big business" selection.

House of Carpets has over 400 styles of carpet available with an average of 24 colors to each style.

They have carpet samples from most of the major carpet mills, such as Tuxtex, Queen, Beaulieu, Coronet, Aladdin, Galaxy, Mohawk, and more.

They carry hundreds of samples of sheet vinyl flooring from Mannington, Congoleum, Tarkett and Armstrong.

Looking for something to take a lot of abuse and still look beautiful? Try laminates, the hottest thing in flooring today. House of Carpet carry Pergo and Formica brand laminate flooring. Laminates are more durable than vinyl and have a warmer, more natural look. They resist

tearing, burning, staining, scratching, and denting better than hardwood and can even be mopped, unlike hardwood floors.

Laminates look like natural wood and are 20 times tougher than a Formica counter top. It comes in various shades of stains, natural woods, stenciled, and inlays. Mix and match for some dramatic and classic looks. The ease of caring for laminate flooring makes them perfect for today's hectic lifestyles.

Even tough spots like tar, marking pens, oil, ink, and nail polish clean up with a little acetone (nail polish remover)."

Laminates resists stains from food items—even mustard, beet juice and ketchup!" says Nora. And she is eager to demonstrate this. "A lit cigarette won't burn it. Natural sunlight won't discolor it—even at a glass door!"

Want something a little more natural for your house? Look over their hardwood, bamboo, and cork flooring selections. These are extremely durable and are very affordable.

For a different look, try Bamboard, a natural, durable flooring product made with bamboo. It is more water-resistant than hardwood and it resists flame, mildew and vermin. A bamboo grove will fully rejuvenate itself within five years of cutting making bamboo an ecologically sound choice.

House of Carpets "rises" to the occasion with other products like ready-made window valances, and wallpaper with matching borders that give that fresh, new, expensive look for any room at a low cost.

House of Carpets valances, window blinds, as well as pleated, Madras, wood shades, dress up a room. John There are dozens of drapes to choose from.

Yet you won't be overwhelmed by all the available since the staff assist you in making informed decisions based on the use of the floor, price, quality and not to mention on special that they offer.

Nora obviously what she is doing smiles as she talks her business but when she speaks to customers coming to the store after visiting flooring stores.

"It turns out the idea about the price the various floors one at the other to educate them, shaking her head in disbelief.

The owners and employees of House of Carpets are very knowledgeable and friendly duty to assist customers as much as possible selection of floor coverings.

The staff is happy to explain the difference between the many types of fibers and materials available in floor coverings as well as in the case of the products. The knowledge helps the customer make the best choice of their flooring.

The House of Carpets staff is committed to providing information and assistance as you learn how to treat the floors in your home, windows in your home, along with providing quality products you need to accomplish goals.

"When a customer comes into House of Carpets, we feel it to help that customer the best—wearing a hat for his or her money John.

The Rhodes company seek out the best available and share with their customers new flooring and products they sell. Inventory are the best believe will best serve customers' needs. The new products are beautiful marble and tiles.

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Two Decades of Quality Travel Service to the Community

FULL CIRCLE TRAVEL
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(415) 527-5715

It's time to celebrate at Full Circle Travel. The family agency has been serving El Cerrito and surrounding areas for 20 years. The anniversary marks two decades of service to the community, as well as quality, professional travel services for both individuals and a wide variety of groups.

Full Circle Travel was founded in 1977 by Wayne and June Boblitt. June now runs the business; her daughter, Lisa Koenen, manages the store.

June, who has been a resident of El Cerrito for 50 years, continues the community involvement she and her husband were known for. This year, for example, she's serving as president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

She also remains active in the Sorptomist Club's El Cerrito chapter (of which her staff is also active. June's past president).

June's staff is also active. June's past president.

for instance, is the immediate past president of the El Cerrito Rotary Club.

"Our agency specializes in vacation and leisure travel," says June. "That includes helping people who want to visit family in Los Angeles and those who have dreams of travel to far away, exotic places."

When asked about her own favorite travel destination, June finds it a difficult choice.

"This last July, I sailed to Alaska for the first time in 20 years," she says. "I found my cruise on the Regal Princess to be a wonderful experience. Things have certainly changed since my sailing 20 years ago on the Island Princess. At that time, there were only two or three ships making that voyage."

Alaskan cruises are tremendously popular now but remain "a most scenic and beautiful destination for our clients, many of whom are including a trip to Denali National Park on their itinerary, for a chance to see wildlife and more of Alaska's scenic beauty."

But June might also choose New Orleans as a

favorite vacation spot; like Alaska, it's also a unique American destination. She recently returned from a trip to the city, where she had a great time.

"I recommend this wonderful city for food and fun, for its wealth of historic buildings and museums," she says, adding that her favorite sight-seeing stop was the Jazz Museum, which houses fascinating memorabilia from the early days of Louis Armstrong through the history of jazz.

And if you're interested in cruising - you can add to the charm of New Orleans by adding a voyage to the western Caribbean to your trip plans. You can sail from the Port of New Orleans on the Holland America Line or the Commodore Cruise Line. Cruises in general are gaining rapidly in popularity as wonderful travel choices. Family groups are choosing cruises more and more, as well, with so many activities (as well as quality childcare) now offered on board for children.

Cruising has become a particular specialty for the

agency, which has three certified cruise counselors: Lisa, Jane and June.

"The staff members at Full Circle continue to educate themselves at seminars and through their own travel to better serve their clients," says June. "As another example, Cathy Zeccine and Dawnelle Jackson have completed the College of Disney Knowledge to better serve our families."

This year, Full Circle Travel was given an award as a top sales agency in this region's Disney market.

Speaking of educators, outside sales person Tim Shaw is himself assisting in the ongoing education of many local young people. Tim just returned from a one-week trip to Washington D.C. with an enthusiastic group of junior high students (Jane got to go along, too, as a chaperone). It's his 25th such trip, and this one had a special highlight - a meeting with Hillary Clinton.

June has filled her staff with other specialists as well.

"Yanina Martin del Campo is our Spanish-speaking agent; she can

help you with any travel plans you may have," she says. "And remember that Lisa is a specialist in planning trips to Australia and New Zealand along with other interesting destinations."

"Last but not least," she notes, "our 20 years in business and the many trips we've planned (and taken) to Hawaii, well-equip us to help you with all your summer plans for the islands. We can take

care of everything for you - air travel, car rentals, hotels or condos, along with creative vacation planning for families."

June invites you to come by the agency, conveniently located in Jay Vee Center at Moeser Lane and San Pablo Avenue, whether you have specific plans or just ideas for travel you'd like to explore with an expert.

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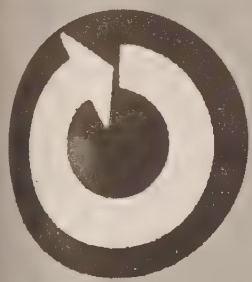
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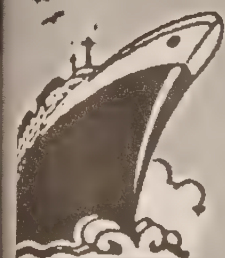
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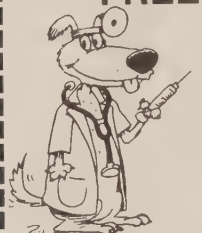


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The Fairmount Podiatry Group has served local residents for almost 11 years. Now the practice is expanding to better serve the needs of patients who want to keep their feet healthy and in top condition.

These days, good health habits seem to be on everyone's priority lists, and it's easy to determine if we're not eating nutritious foods or getting enough exercise. But we may not spend too much time thinking about our feet, if they're getting us where we want to go. It's easy to forget that proper foot care can contribute to a healthier, more energetic life.

"When your feet are not functioning properly, it can lead to knee and lower back pain, as well as several other problems," they say. "You can think of your body as a pyramid. The feet are the foundation for the ankles, knees, hips and back."

The human foot is complex, containing within its relatively small size 26 bones (the two feet contain one-quarter of all the bones in the body), 33 joints, and a network of more than 100 tendons, muscles and ligaments, to say nothing of blood vessels and nerves.

The components of your feet work together, sharing the tremendous pressure of daily living. An average day of walking, for example, exerts a force equal to several hundred tons to bear on the feet. This helps explain why your feet are more subject to injury than any other part of your body.

Foot ailments are among the most common of our health problems. Although they can be traced to heredity, many stem from the cumulative impact of a lifetime of abuse and neglect. Studies show that 75 percent of Americans experience foot problems at some time in their life.

Dr. Shirley A. Addes and Dr. Darlene J. Fahmie of Fairmount Podiatry Group have the education, equipment and expertise to help you make sure your feet are in top condition.

The free screening and consultation the doctors are offering is a great first step

toward good foot health. They'll evaluate your feet and give you any needed advice for proper care.

Those with specific problems or symptoms, like bunions or hammertoes, would be especially well to take advantage of the opportunity. And don't forget that lower back pain or shoes wearing out unevenly (indicating some type of imbalance) can also be signs that foot treatment is needed.

In order to keep your feet healthy, you should be familiar with the most common ills that affect them. Remember, though, that self-treatment can often turn a minor problem into a major one and is generally not advisable. You should see a podiatric physician when any of the following conditions occur or persist.

Athlete's foot is a skin disease usually starting between the toes or on the bottom of the foot, which can spread to other parts of the body. It is caused by a fungus; the wearing of shoes and hosiery fosters this fungus growth. The signs of athlete's foot are dry scaly skin, itching, inflammation and blisters. You can help prevent infection by drying carefully after bathing, especially between the toes, and changing shoes and hose regularly to decrease moisture. Athlete's foot is not the only infection which affects the foot. If you have any suspicious skin condition, you should call a podiatrist.

Blisters are caused by skin friction. Don't pop them. Instead, apply mole skin or a bandaid over the blister. Keep your feet dry, and always wear socks as a cushion between your feet and shoes. If a blister breaks on its own, wash the area, apply antiseptic and cover with a sterile bandage.

Bunions are misaligned big toe joints which can become swollen and tender. The deformity causes the first joint of the big toe to slant outward.

Bunions tend to be hereditary, but the tendency can be aggravated by shoes that are too narrow in the forefoot and toe. You can take steps to minimize the discomfort and prevent the progression of a bunion, but surgery is frequently recommended to correct the problem.

Corns and calluses are protective layers of compacted, dead skin cells. They are caused by repeated friction and pressure from skin

rubbing against bony areas or against an irregularity in a shoe. Corns ordinarily form on the toes and calluses on the soles of the feet. The friction and pressure can burn or otherwise be painful and may be relieved by moleskin. Never cut corns or calluses with any instrument, and never apply home remedies except under a podiatrist's instructions.

Foot odor results from excessive perspiration from the more than 250,000 sweat glands in the foot. Daily hygiene is essential. Change your shoes daily to let each pair air out, and change your socks perhaps even more frequently than daily.

Foot powders and antiperspirants and soaking in vinegar and water can help lessen odor.

Hammertoes is a condition in which the toe is bent in a claw-like position. It occurs most frequently with a second toe, often when a bunion slants the big toe towards and under it. But any of the other three smaller toes can be affected. Although the condition usually stems from muscle imbalance, it is often aggravated by ill-fitting shoes or socks that cramp the toes.

Heel pain can generally be traced to faulty biomechanics which place too much stress on the heel bone or nerves in the area. Stress can result while walking or jumping on hard surfaces or from poorly made footwear.

Some general health conditions, such as arthritis, gout and circulatory problems can also cause heel pain.

Heel spurs are growths of bone on the underside of the heel bone. They can occur without pain; pain may result when inflammation develops at the point where the spur forms. For both heel pain and heel spurs, you can ice the area for 15 minutes as a temporary relief measure.

Ingrown nails are nails whose corners or sides dig painfully into the skin. They are frequently caused by improper nail trimmings but also by shoe pressure, injury, fungus infections, heredity and poor foot structure. Toenails should be trimmed straight across, slightly longer than the end of the toe, with toenail clippers.

Neuromas are enlarged, benign growths of nerves, most commonly between the third and fourth toes.

They are caused by bones

and other tissue rubbing against and irritating the nerve. Abnormal bone structure or pressure from ill-fitting shoes can also create the condition, which can result in pain, burning, tingling or numbness between the toes and in the ball of the foot.

Warts are caused by a virus, which enters the skin through small cuts and infects the skin. Children, especially teenagers, tend to be more susceptible to warts than adults. Most warts are harmless and benign even though painful and unsightly. Warts often come from walking barefooted. Warts can be removed through a simple, laser surgical procedure.

Fairmount Podiatry Group offers a full range of podiatry services, from sports medicine to routine foot care.

Orthotics (prescription foot support) is a special area of service; the custom-made foot devices are fabricated from a cast mold of the individual's feet and worn inside the shoes to correct any imbalances of the feet and lower extremities.

Laser surgery is offered for warts, ingrown toenails, benign nerve tumors and thick toenails diseased with

fungus.

Specialized care for diabetic foot problems as well as preventative nail care is also available. Diabetic individuals must pay careful attention to the health of their feet; circulation problems and numbness are two main areas for concern, as is infection after an injury. Untreated sores and infections may lead to an ulcer, gangrene and, in some cases, even amputation.

"We perform physical therapy ourselves," say the doctors. "Often patients are referred elsewhere for such services, but we have them available on our premises." Electrical stimulation, ultrasound, hydrotherapy and manipulation are among the physical therapy techniques used.

"We do everything we can in our own office, including taking X-rays. We perform orthopedic surgery on the premises and at local hospitals."

All the equipment used at Fairmount Podiatry Group is state-of-the-art. The Doppler Analyzer is a good example; it's a non-invasive instrument used to check for adequate circulation.

But what you'll most appreciate is the emphasis Drs. Addes and Fahmie

place on personal care.

"We take extra time to educate our patients," both agree. "We also make available a wide variety of literature on foot problems and treatment."

Both doctors are available for help with any foot- or ankle-related problems. Keeping you active on your feet is their first priority.

After completing their undergraduate studies, both doctors attended the California College of Podiatric Medicine in San Francisco. After graduation they both completed an additional one year of residency.

Fairmount Podiatry Group has a wonderfully convenient location and lots of parking. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the doctors are also "on call" and make house calls.

They are providers for most types of insurance.

The office is located in El Cerrito at 7524 Fairmount Ave. Please call 526-4244 for an appointment.

"We are expanding our podiatric medical facilities to better serve the foot needs of our community," says Dr. Addes. "We'll appreciate your patience while we're remodeling."

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For 59 years, Kiefer's Furniture has offered quality service and quality furniture to the community. Fair prices have also contributed to the store's solid reputation over the years.

Now, says David Kiefer, pricing has become an issue in the furniture indus-

try. As in any area, an informed consumer will want to understand the changes that have occurred.

"Lately there's been something of a silent controversy regarding furniture pricing," says David.

"What has happened, as in so many things, is that a few bad apples spoil the bunch."

"In the furniture business, the public's need for a sale prompted furniture stores to start advertising

things at 20 percent off, then 30 percent off, then 50 to 60 percent. They were unsustainable percentages.

"Things got so bad in parts of California (a particular problem was centered in San Diego County) that many stores were relying on '90 percent off' sales to get the customers in."

Essentially the pricing was fictitious, the question being, 90 percent off of what?

"The high prices used to set the sale were so high, 99 percent of the people would never have paid that price anyway; they'd know better," he says. "The state regulatory agency got so many complaints from legitimate furniture dealers that the regulator set some new rules."

David lunched recently with the state official and got some insight from her into the history of the whole situation.

"The regulator works for a branch of the State Bureau of Consumer Affairs," he explains. "The same agency that regulates service stations, making sure they do smog checks properly, regulates furniture manufacturers and sellers. Until now, the primary focus there has been on standards for upholstery."

"Now it's branched into this area of pricing because of requests from store owners."

The outcome has been that furniture advertising looks a little different than it did several years ago.

"Now, the course most stores are following is not to use comparative pricing at all," he says. "You'll see this if you look at furniture store ads, compared to a few years ago; you'll see it with our pricing, too, in most cases."

But it's a change in labeling only. Kiefer's has always taken great pride in treating people honestly, being fair with pricing and offering good service to its customers.

Fair prices, in the middle range of what's available, continues to mark Kiefer's inventory.

At the same time, says David, "the change doesn't mean we haven't put things on sale or are not selling them at the lowest price we can."

"...we still have our floor samples, for example.

They're very deeply discounted. Due to the current regulations, though, I may not show on a tag that this is such a discount. Unfortunately, the use of comparison prices has been

abused by some affected as well.

Customers still ask what the price was.

"We want them to know that we're a low sale price store. We won't see that through our pricing. It's a change that's going more and more throughout the furniture industry," he says. "That furniture stores are currently whether or not they're a 'gested manufacturer' on their pricing."

When shopping for a consumer item, especially when you're buying in something that's vital to the quality of your home, you know more than price.

"Some stores... their prices lower... can't stay in business because of it," he says. "With prices like that, you can't give the people need."

Reliable service is a handmade product.

"As such, it's a flaw. You're perfecting directly the carton."

"For the most part, you plug in a new machine or a new motor, it's going to immediately be made more reliable by machine, and they are more prone to make it worse."

That can also make it worse. Items that non-stores often can't may not fit together. It's constructed before.

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We have assembled some close-out items for this Round-Up Sale. These specials will be offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday only.

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It's always a pleasure to see a long-established business remaining strong and successful in today's economy. El Cerrito Mill & Lumber is doing a great business and is upgrading its appearance, getting ready to move into the 21st century. What's not going high change are the high quality services and products that have kept the business serving contractors and do-it-yourselfers alike for 75 years.

"I think the reason we've survived for all these years is the quality of the workmanship and service we provide," says Jack Freethy.

El Cerrito Mill & Lumber isn't your typical lumber yard. The store sells far more than manufactured goods. The inventory covers the complete line of building materials and offers many in-shop products.

The store carries manufactured doors and windows as well as those built to custom specifications. You'll find utility-type cabinets and fine quality custom cabinets, as well as moldings that will match existing or new decor in almost any style.

El Cerrito Mill & Lumber also ships wood to Hawaii, where high quality wood is always in demand. The store represents many manufacturers, from Anderson and Marvin windows to Fuller O'Brien paint, to earthquake reinforcement hardware from Simpson.

Jack can find himself surrounded by 60 catalogs at a time, searching out the specialty hard-to-find items his customers need. Part of the reason for the shop's expansion is to create a bigger showroom for sample products.

"We have a lot more available here than some of our competition, especially in the lumber line," he says. "And if we don't have it, we'll get it."

Combine high quality products with the experience, knowledge and skill of woodworking specialists. Staff members are there for the long term; one has retired after 51 years of sharing his expertise.

"If it can be done, we can do it in wood," says Jack, who's been in the business himself for 28 years.

And there's another sign in the shop that humorously conveys the same truth: "Not a knot where a knot should not be."

Expert knowledge means expert advice.

"The building industry is filled with tremendous detail; there are all kinds of questions to be answered," says Jack. "We try to leave no surprises to the customer. We also try to ask the right questions if the customer isn't quite sure what to ask."

"We take pride in assisting contractors and our individual customers."

The store also offers a contractor referral service for those who'd rather not undertake a do-it-yourself project.

Those already familiar with the quality products and services offered by El Cerrito Mill & Lumber will enjoy the store's new look. Jack says the goal of all the construction, painting and upgrading of the exterior is to "turn a 75-year-old facility into a 125-year-old facility."

"Because our business does a lot of Victorian restoration, we decided to show off some of our wares," he explains.

The new look includes elements like intricate trims, dentil work - detail on the facade, and Victorian pediments. There'll be no sacrifice to modern convenience for customers, though. Automatic doors are being added.

"This is something we'll be proud of, and we hope El Cerrito will be proud of it, too," says Jack, who hopes to be part of a new rehabilitation of the San Pablo Avenue commercial district. He knows of one business owner already planning a similar upgrading and hopes that many others will follow suit.

Jack also hopes the community will continue to support small businesses in El Cerrito, especially those that have strived to maintain the high standards small family businesses have always been known for.

Besides contributing to the business community, the renovation will help homeowners see some of the possibilities for their own homes.

As an example, says Jack, "We're having alternative, man-made siding installed right now on our building. We use wood where wood is necessary, but if there's a good quality alternative available, we use that. The industry is trying to develop alternative sources of wood to save the environment. ("And we don't throw anything away, we recycle it," he adds.

"Our sawdust is sent away to make topsoil, and people drop by to pick up firewood.")

All the doors and windows in the store are being custom-made in the shop; they clearly demonstrate the skilled handiwork you can expect. The exterior paint is from Fuller O'Brien.

The store's Grand Opening is scheduled for May 9 and 10.

It will be a great chance to check out all the store has to offer, if you aren't among the many local residents and contractors who already know it well. (El Cerrito Mill & Lumber serves the entire Bay Area and even ships items out of state on occasion.)

The company started in 1922; Elmer and Marjorie Freethy bought it in 1944. At the time, Modern Builders Supply was part

of the deal. The Lucky store ended up on the site; the family sold the property in 1962.

Over the years, the company has been responsible for many well-recognized projects, including all the millwork for the Mechanics Bank headquarters and for all 14 Victorian homes restored in Preservation Park.

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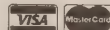
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with you the attractions of a specific destination – and all you need to know to get there.

For example, at "Southwest Funpack, Las Vegas," scheduled for May 2, a representative of the Luxor Hotel will be on hand to make a presentation and answer questions.

Informational meetings are normally held on Thursdays and always begin at 6 p.m. Company reps and El Cerrito Plaza Travel offer door prizes, refreshments are served, and an informative video brings everything to life. It's a great way to get a quick introduction to all

that's available, with absolutely no obligation. If you do make up your mind, you can book your trip there and then. Then get home and start planning.

Everyone is welcome. It's best to call a few days ahead (they like to know how much food to prepare!), but feel free to just show up at any of the meetings.

Next on the schedule are: "Alaska Sightseeing," March 13; "Princess Cruises," March 20; and "Universal Studios," April 10.

El Cerrito Plaza Travel works closely with Princess Cruises; "it's a

very good company with many wonderful cruise programs," says agent Jill Adams.

With the debut of its fall 1996/ spring 1997 Caribbean season, Princess announced a further expansion of its presence in the area with the addition of its next "Grand Class" ship, Dawn Princess, sister ship to its new and highly-successful Sun Princess. The cruise program also features a new seven-day, five-port eastern and southern Caribbean itinerary.

A brochure offering full details of the Caribbean cruising season is available.

The Dawn Princess is scheduled to debut with an inaugural Panama Canal sailing May 10. This fall, the Dawn Princess will be cruising roundtrip from San Juan, offering an exotic mix of southern ports on an all-new seven-day, five-port itinerary including Grenada, Barbados, Guadeloupe, St. Maarten and St. Thomas.

Two more sister ships to the Sun Princess and Dawn Princess are being added to Princess Cruises' unique Grand Class fleet. The Dawn Princess is expected to come into service by the spring of 1998, the Sea Princess in early 1999.

"With Dawn Princess joining our Caribbean line-up in spring 1997, we bring an additional Grand Class ship to this trade, increasing our strength and presence in cruising's most popular destination," says Rick James, senior vice-president at Princess.

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Following her maiden inaugural Western Caribbean season, another member of the Princess fleet, Sun Princess, returned in the fall with a series of seven-day, four-port western cruises roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale featuring full days in the ports of Princess Cays, Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Playa del Carmen/Cozumel. The Crown and Regal Princess also sail the Caribbean and the Panama Canal.

The ships in the Princess line are known for their lush accommodations, wonderful food, exciting entertainment and extensive recreational options (including children and teen centers). All 10 ships will also participate in one of the decades most exciting cruise voyages, the 1999 end-of-the-millennium New Year's celebration.

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Princess continues its popular Love Boat Savers program, rewarding travelers who book their

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The line will also use its unique Price Protection Guarantee program for these cruises, ensuring that if a passenger qualifies for a lower motivational fare in a later date, the line would be honored.

Passengers arriving at select West Coast ports will also be offered complimentary hotel accommodations to accommodate the sailing schedules. Love Boat Savers and Cruise Plus packages are also available.

If this isn't your first time on the Caribbean, the Travel staff can suggest many other options. Jill, who specializes in domestic travel. Also, cruises, European cruises, and a host of "Exotic Adventures" in Southeast Asia are available.

Though El Cerrito Plaza Travel prides itself on being "The Cruise Company" in the area, agents can help you all your travel needs, a quick flight home, a weekend to a once-in-a-lifetime experience, vacation packages for business and corporate, whether domestic or international.

Agent Cynthia is Spanish-speaking planning for those who are conversing in Spanish. Jill is of great assistance if you're heading to Vegas. She has also attended her College of Domestic Travel. The store at Select Disney Accounts, "anything happening in Disneyland or Disney World, we know it," says owner Raj Patel.

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The merchants of El Cerrito Plaza are alive, well and serving their customers – and they are anxious to prove it to anyone who doubts it.

The closure of the Emporium in early 1966, plus the designation of the center as a redevelopment area, has made life difficult for Plaza merchants. But, they have refused to be defeated.

Instead, while continuing to serve the community, they have initiated several resourceful campaigns designed to attract more people to the area.

Over the past year, the Plaza merchants have sponsored a Tri-City Safety day, a Home Fair, the October Fiesta, Halloween at the Plaza, the Fire Fighters Toy program and a Santa's Village. In addition they have added a Saturday Farmers Market to the already flourishing Tuesday Market which attracted large crowds of shoppers throughout last year.

"From groceries, drugs, banks, and travel to men's quality clothing, hearing aids, hobby items, video movies, candy, cards and a place to exercise," declares Center Manager Janet Jolley, "There are still plenty of shops and restaurants that provide a service to the neighborhood as well as the surrounding region."

"These merchants continue to be service minded and enthusiastic, and they need and would like your patronage. I urge everyone to please support their El Cerrito Plaza merchants."

These business people, Jolley explains, have had a strong commitment to the El Cerrito community for many years, and hope they will be allowed to continue to fulfill that commitment.

The question of the future of these businesses was first raised early in the discussion of Plaza redevelopment by the merchants themselves and by the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

At that time, the Chamber told the City Council: "To be acceptable any proposal that is finally selected (for redevelopment)

ment of the shopping center) must have as a key element some plan for protecting the interests and futures of the present Plaza tenants."

"Any proposal which fails to do this should, in our opinion, be summarily rejected."

Since Wilton-Terranomics, the team selected by the City Council to redevelop the Plaza, is just starting to formulate plans for the project, and no specific policy concerning what's to be done with the existing businesses has been announced.

While some members of the public now openly acknowledge the need to retain present Plaza businesses, several have expressed concern over the suggestion they would have to be moved—perhaps more than once—during construction.

Jolley points out that relocation during redevelopment could devastate a small business.

"It's potentially disastrous," she says, "because many merchants are dependent upon specific locations for success. Moving

disrupts their customers' routine and consequently may cause those customers to take their loyalty and patronage elsewhere."

"Moving is also time consuming and expensive. Small businesses can not afford to bounce around a shopping center while it is under construction."

She also points out that the income of small businesses is often dependent on consistent trade, adding that—should they be forced to close their doors for a prolonged period of construction—many of the present Plaza tenants might be forced to shut down forever.

"Meanwhile," she concluded, "the Plaza merchants will continue to loyally serve the people of El Cerrito just as long as they are permitted to do so."

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The idea of the local farmers Market, according to Judy Blue who runs the operation for the El Cerrito Plaza Merchants Association, is to bring the farmer and the consumer directly together in an exchange of fresh, just picked produce direct from the farm.

"It has," she added, "created a thriving desire for the more unusual varieties of fruits and vegetables. The smaller farmer

can bring to market the more unusual flavorful varieties that everyone enjoys - things the larger farmer could not afford to grow in quantity."

Every season, Blue points out, brings wonderful crops from all over Northern California to the El Cerrito Plaza Farmers Market.

In spring, there's asparagus from the Delta region, artichokes from the coastline, navel oranges from the Valley, strawberries from Watsonville and sweet cherries from all over.

By June delicious peaches, nectarines, sweet tomatoes, and dozens of unusual varieties of melons start showing up in the stalls at the market. In the early fall there's peppers in all colors of the rainbow.

Featured during the winter months are many different squashes, tender baby spinach, baby salad mixes and mandarin oranges.

Each month from May through October the Plaza farmers Market features special events which highlight a fruit or vegetable of the month. These events include chef demonstrations, tastings of the many different varieties, and activities for the youngsters.

Blue invites all area residents to "bring the whole family, and enjoy a morning at the market."

"Visit the stalls," she added, talk to the farmers and try out all of the free samples on their tables. While you're there, stop by the information table and sign up for weekly free giveaways."

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My parents were always so strong. They were there for me at every turn of my life, always giving of themselves. The loss of my father was catastrophic—I never realized how much my aging mother had become dependent on my father.

Suddenly I was counted on for all of my mother's emotional and physical needs. My brothers and sister had long ago moved out of town. I was squeezed between the need of my two small children, my husband, working part time, and seeing to my mother's daily care.

I became torn beyond belief by my added responsibility and was falling apart.

I would go to visit my mother each day—she seemed so lonely in that

big house. Since her stroke, it was becoming more difficult for her to walk. She depended on me for everything from shopping to overseeing her medication.

One day I came to her with my heart in my hand, "Mom, you know I love you, I want to do everything for you I can. But it is getting increasingly difficult for me to balance it all." Mom didn't want to be a burden on any of her children, she had a lot of pride.

We started looking at retirement homes. Selling the family home of 40 years was not even a consideration at this point. Mom needed to know that if she got better, she could move back. We toured several retirement centers and decide on one. Mom moved in with her favorite furniture.

It was an emotionally difficult time. We all felt a sense of relief, and a sense of loss. We stayed with her the whole day so she would not feel abandoned. Later, Mom was introduced to her table mates and we left, choking back the tears.

Little did we know that

day, but the move into the retirement home was the best decision we ever made. Mom hadn't lost her independence at all. She had gained back her dignity. Mom perked up at having people around.

The activities were fun and our children loved the theme parties. I still treasure the photo of my son and daughter dancing at the Luau. There were things to look forward to: birthday parties, shopping current event, sight seeing outing and lots of musical programs. Life had new meaning.

As time went on, Mom required more care and passed away after a short illness. I have no regrets about the decision we made. Because of all the loving care she received, she lived her last years with her pride intact, independent and dignified.

The following year my father-in-law passed away after a short illness. Mimi, my mother-in-law was living in her own condo in Rossmoor. We hired a woman to help her with household chores and personal care but these services soon became cost prohibitive.

Again, we were faced with finding an alternative—this time for our beloved Mimi. After an exhaustive search we decided on a Royale Retirement Center. From the very first visit we liked the intimacy there. It was a congregate facility yet it had a more personal, warm, and caring atmosphere then the place my mom lived in. Those first impressions are so important.

The day Mimi moved in was not as traumatic for us. The staff was so kind and accommodating. I remember sitting down in Mimi's room with the Administrator and discussing everything we needed to know, our expectations, and Mimi's likes and dislikes. She was reassuring and caring. We knew we had made a good choice.

Later that first day, our son was checking out the place and I found him in the game room playing penny poker with the residents and he was winning!

Mimi was a lady. She always wore her pearls, had her hair combed just so, and was neat and cleanly dressed. Mimi was able

to receive personal care in the privacy of her own room, allowing her to keep up her health and her appearance.

You could tell the staff really cared for Mimi the way they fussed over her. She loved her room. It was quite large, so she could have her favorite furniture with her just like home. We rented her condo in Rossmoor with the hope that she could return someday.

Our children, now older, felt comfortable visiting Mimi and would ride their bikes over after school. They made friends with the gentlemen and ladies there.

My daughter's Girl Scout troop started doing community service project for the seniors and even put on a fashion show of antique Girl Scout uniforms. All along, we felt great knowing that Mimi was safe in this very special place filled with love.

After Mimi died, our family continued to visit the Royale Retirement Center. We found that as a family we benefited in ways we never expected. My daughter's Girl Scout troop continues to do ser-

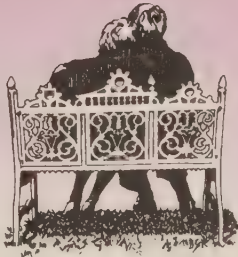
vice projects there. There is a saying about the path to happiness found not in the pursuing it; but rather as a byproduct of bringing joy to others. Through giving our Mimi and her friends at Royale Retirement Center our lives have been enriched in so many ways.

My experience with retirement centers led me to my job as the Marketing Representative for the Royale Retirement Center in Northern California. I love my job because I believe in what I do. As a daughter who has been faced with these difficult decisions about her loved one, I can assure that the experience can be positive one.

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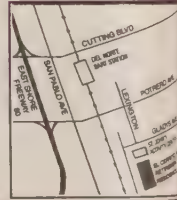
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Arthritis Seminars	Doctors Hospital	Call	10 am & 2:30 pm	1-800-206-WELL
Arthritis Support Group	Doctors Hospital	MON-1st	10 - 11:30 am	233-2425
Blood Donor Drive	Brookside Hospital	WED-4th	1 - 7 pm	235-7006, ext. 2192
Blood Pressure Screening	Brookside Hospital	WED-1st	10 - 11:45 am	235-7006, ext. 2192
Breast Self-Exam Class	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-0256
Burn Support	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-7006, ext. 2807
Cancer, Support Groups	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-7006, ext. 2572
Cardiac Rehabilitation Program	Doctors Hospital	Call	Call	741-2440
Childbirth (Prepared)	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-7006, ext. 2920
CPR, Health Providers	Brookside Hospital	SAT-4th	9am - 1pm	235-7006, ext. 2829
CPR, Community	Brookside Hospital	SAT-2nd	9am - 1pm	235-7006, ext. 2897
Diabetes, Class Living Well With	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-7006, ext. 2920
Diabetes Management	Doctors Hospital	Call	Call	741-2442
Diabetes Support Group	Doctors Hospital	TUE-2nd	7 pm	741-2442

Program	Location	Day	Time	Number to Call
Fitness After 40	Doctors Hospital	Call	Call	741-2440
Fitness, Easy	Doctors Hospital	Call	Call	741-2440
Fitness Basics Education	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-7006, ext. 2920
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Grief, Surviving	Brookside Hospital Doctors Hospital	Call	Call	234-8111 741-2407
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Heart, Caring for Your Monthly	Brookside Hospital	THUR-last	6:30 pm	235-7006, ext. 2762
Migraine Support Group	Doctors Hospital	WED-4th	7 - 9 pm	233-2425
Nutrition Counseling	Doctors Hospital	Call	Call	741-2442
Ostomy Support Group	Brookside Hospital	varies	Call	235-7006, ext. 2619
Parkinson's Disease Support	Doctors Hospital	WED-2nd	2:30-4 pm	233-2425
Prenatal, Early Bird	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-7006, ext. 2920
Prostate Screening	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	236-0343
Skin Screening	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	236-0343
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Smoking, Freedom From	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-7006, ext. 2920
Stroke Support	Both Hospitals	THUR-1st	7 pm	235-7999
Womens Health Days	Brookside Hospital	Call	Call	235-0256

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Ken encourages everyone to come in and pick up Sundance Spas' latest literature on hydro-therapy.

A new brochure is entitled,

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"This is not sales literature, rather it's scientific documentation of the healing powers of spas. We all know spas make you feel better. Now you can find out why. You can also discover how spas help heal specific injuries."

The literature is free and makes for interesting reading. Ken will be happy to mail the literature, along

with a 22-page buying guide, to anyone who calls or writes in. Of course, a visit is always preferable. Then he can demonstrate the various features available, including the different hydro-therapy jets.

Spa-Land is easy to reach; it's just a block from Central Avenue. When you visit, you'll see models of spas, saunas, wood, gas and pellet stoves, and gazebos, all manufactured by owners Don and Patti Taylor to accompany the spas they sell, though they're adaptable to many other uses.

The Taylors have also

recently opened a new Spa-Land store in Concord. It can only be called "state of the art" in showroom design.

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The spa business has changed over the years. A general contractor, Don used to construct the whole thing from scratch for his clients; at that time, portable spas were just coming

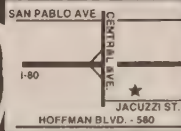
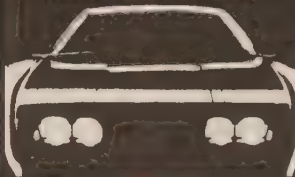
on the market. "We had a hole in the ground where the spa goes," said Don. "Now you see the showrooms unit all come in." "We deliver a major appliance fill it with a hot water heater." The company in Sundance "The Cadillac of the industry," says Don. "Sundance Portlandly received its innovative gy."

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Burns and his staff vacuum cleaners. That's a tremendous advantage to you if you're in the market for a new one. Even if you don't, it may be well worth while to drop by and see Bob or manager Jim Burns about what improvements have been made in the vacuum cleaners in recent years; they could greatly enhance the atmosphere in your home, especially if you or a family member is subject to allergies.

Vacuum cleaners have been around since 1905. The first company was founded by P.A. Grier and named after him until he renamed Hoover Vacuum. The Hoover company came out with its line a few years ago.

For the last 90-plus years, vacuum cleaners have been one of America's most popular household appliances. According to 45,000 units are sold weekly in the U.S., seven days a week. Stores specialize in the product, and Bob's, are responsible for about seven percent of total industry.

We carry better quality vacuums than the discount stores," he says.)

And did you know that door-to-door sales are still successful in the Northeast and Midwest? There are very few door-to-door vacuum cleaner sales any more on the West Coast (East Coast.) Despite the machine's popularity, there has been a continuing problem for years. It's a problem that's kept a lot of vacuum cleaners busy.

There have been all different designs of vacuums over the years to keep the dirt in the canister, but they've all failed to keep the dust back into the air filter," says Bob.

It's been a major problem for those who suffer from allergies. Bob says statistically that number at one of the American public family of three, it's estimated that at least one person will be significantly affected by the dust that's blown back into the air during vacuuming.

Some folks really suffer from it," says Bob. "City side streets are cleaner than

some rugs. The sun can kill the germs outside. Houses have been constructed with tighter and tighter environments over the years; everything stays inside.

"Take a vacuum cleaner with a powerful motor, suck up the dirt out of a rug and shoot some of the smaller particles back out into the air, where they may take eight to 10 hours to settle back down.

"We're breathing this stuff in."

A few years ago, there was finally a breakthrough, one that will allow you to significantly improve the atmosphere in your home.

"They finally got it right," says Bob. "It just took a while."

Researchers at Royal Appliance, that first vacuum cleaner company, developed a high efficiency filtration system; now, you can get a vacuum cleaner that won't blow all the dust it collects back into your home.

"It's the biggest single advance in the vacuum cleaner industry since the 1930s, when they started coming out with paper bags," he says.

The new products "essentially make some vacuums obsolete," he says. On the other hand, the new technology can be accomplished at an affordable price.

"This has put high efficiency filtration into everybody's budget," he says. "It's a real break-through for this industry."

Bob has charts to help explain the new system to those who'd like to understand better how it works.

"It's easy to understand how a filter works," he says. "It has holes in it for air to escape. Whether cloth or paper, its job is to trap dirt while letting the air pass through. The trouble is, it also lets fine particles pass through."

In addition, he says, a vacuum will lose power eventually, as larger particles gradually clog up the hole.

Technologies have developed double filters that include smaller holes. Air movement is decreased, though, and "that's what does your cleaning."

"This is what engineers have been working on for 90 years," he says. "Now they've come up with this

ingenious stuff, a new technology in which electrostatic lining (treated with the same charge that makes your clothes stick to you sometimes) effectively traps tiny microns."

In lay terms, little particles are reformed into bigger particles that don't blow back into the room. In addition, air flow has also been four times improved.

"That's why we can now advertise dust-free vacuums," says Bob, noting that the same materials are now being used for furnace filters - another great

product for allergy sufferers.

The vacuums' micro-fresh bags, now produced by many companies, are believed to keep 99 percent of the dust and pollen they pick up from returning to the room.

"We've been selling these since 1991, and our feedback from customers has been really fantastic."

A 1995 article in UC-Berkeley's Wellness Letter confirms customer reaction: "If you suffer from allergies, get micro-filtra-

tion bags for your vacuum cleaner," it reads.

Bob was involved with some of the people lobbying companies for more research in the area. He has a strong interest in allergies and had received many customer requests for more efficient machines.

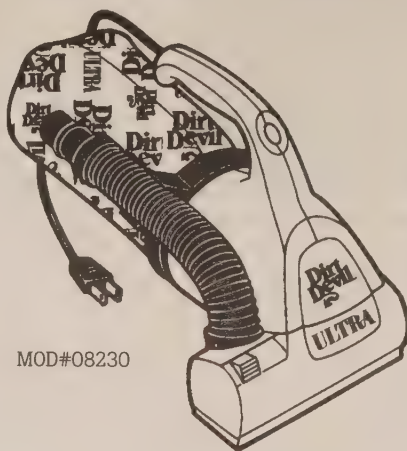
As the public becomes more aware of the effective, efficient technology now available, he believes people will welcome the new machines into their homes. The range of products equipped with dust-free technology should

mean that anyone can fit one into their price range. It can make a huge difference in the healthy atmosphere of your home.

Vacuum World was founded in 1958 in Kensington; it was known then as Pike Supplies. Over the years, it combined forces with the Handy-Hi vacuum repair service in Montclair. By 1982, the store had moved to San Pablo Avenue. Bob bought the shop in 1993.

Bob had opened his original store, Grand Lake
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dream to design gazebos
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and Patti's vision to bring
together both elements of a
wonderful spa setting into
one business in order to
best accommodate the
needs of their customers,
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now for over 15 years.

Spa-Land's gazebos are
basically modular build-
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panels that can be arranged
in different ways - one
door, two doors, doors in
different places. They're
made from top-quality,
kiln-dried redwood. Metal
roofs are similar to those
on mountain cabins. The
units can be delivered and
installed in one day.

"Basically, they're kits,
and they're extremely ver-
satile," says Don.

"They can be modified
for use as studios, even
exercise rooms. I'm con-
stantly amazed when peo-
ple see them and say, 'Do I
have to buy the spa, too?'"

In order to encourage
more people to envision the
possibilities, Don plans to
display one model with just
patio furniture inside,
another with a wood-burn-
ing stove.

The enclosures are inex-
pensive, with a typical
9x13 running under

\$4,000. Basically kits, they
can be delivered and
installed in one day. Spa
prices range from \$1,995 to
\$6,500.

The shop offers all the
help you need with design;
a number of modifications
can be made to fit any sit-
uation.

Spa-Land is open every
day of the week and has a
24-hour phone message
system. There is no obliga-
tion to buy, even following
the free, in-home consulta-
tion.

"Usually people drop by
the showrooms, ask ques-
tions and pick up informa-
tion," says Don. "A consul-
tation at home may follow.
I take their ideas and take
time sketching out
scenarios as to what I
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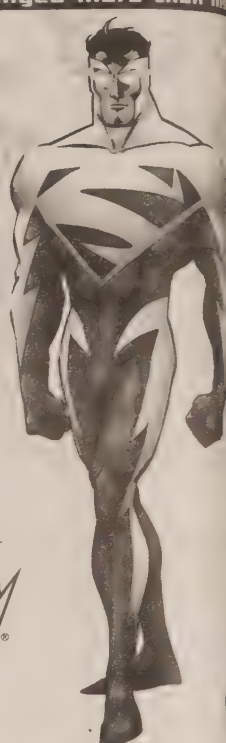
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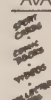
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East Bay Paint Center, where you can find everything they need to accomplish the simplest to the most complex paint project. The store's knowledgeable staff and full range of products and services help make any project "do-able."

"Most of the people on staff have been in the business for many years," says owner Bob Weissenborn. "We know our products."

One of the advantages of dealing with an independent store that concentrates on one specific area of expertise. It's part of the reason East Bay Paints has been able to carry on such a large volume of business with local contractors. Individual shoppers can take advantage of the

same reputation for quality those professional contractors depend on.

The quality paints you'll find come from a company which has built up its own reputation, nationwide, over many years: Benjamin Moore. East Bay Paints is an independent dealer carrying that company's excellent products.

"A lot of people think of Benjamin Moore as a high-priced paint," says Bob. "It's true that the quality of their products, especially their top-of-the-line paint, makes them the Mercedes of the paint business."

"What people may not know is that Benjamin Moore produces four lines of paint, starting with a very economical choice and including the more industrial colors. For many home projects, you may not need the highest quality paint produced; this way, you can still purchase from a com-

pany whose paint you can trust."

Quality of product, longevity in the business, tailoring what's available to the specific needs of the customer. They're the same kinds of standards set by East Bay Paint Center. Why not take advantage of this local resource and get your project right the first time?

"We have staff members with 13, 20 and 25 years in the paint business," says Bob. "If someone comes in and says, 'I want to paint my deck; what do I do?' we take the time to share information and ask the necessary questions - 'What do you want the final result to look like? Do you have the right tools?'"

"In a big warehouse store, you sometimes see young people with little experience being hired as clerks. They really don't have the knowledge and background needed to

assist customers in the same way."

As for its product line, the store carries "all the associated sundries and odds & ends" you'll need for your painting project, from brushes, rollers and drop cloths to spray equipment and ladders. A full line of wood stains and clear finishes for interior and exterior work is available, as are water sealers and elastomeric waterproof coating.

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"We do a lot of business in faux finishes; in a lot of paint stores, you walk in and ask about faux finishes, and they get a blank look on their faces. Our staff has developed a great deal of knowledge in both techniques and products."

Bob says the simpler faux finishing techniques, including sponging, plastic and bag rolling, are great projects even for those who haven't done anything like it before. You'll also find free instructional guides at the store.

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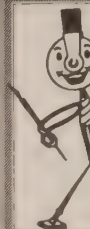
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PLAZA TRAVEL

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he's been just about everywhere - from Hawaii to the Cayman Islands to India, which he visits often.

He's also a computer expert, a fantastic advantage in the travel industry. He ran offices for Autodesk in England, Sweden and Switzerland for eight years and continues to create web sites and design web sites for clients.

He's also continually redesigning the travel information available to clients on the El Cerrito Plaza Travel web pages, which you can access at

<http://www.Letap.com>. You'll find many special offers (including special packages and prices), listings of upcoming events, and helpful practical information - what to pack, what inoculations to get, how to travel with kids. There's even a travel store; you can use your computer to order a variety of practical travel items, from plane pillows to money belts.

Whether accessing El Cerrito Plaza Travel's resources by computer or by a visit to the store, Raj, Jill and Cynthia invite you to begin planning your next wonderful adventure.

KIEFERS

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carton is opened. "With the merchandise in those stores, the quality control just doesn't come up to the level we see in some other consumer items, like washing machines. What's important to the consumer is to buy from someone who is able to check out the furniture when it comes out of the carton and to provide any service that might be needed."

An informed consumer will also seek out a merchant who's honest and forthright, one who has developed a good reputation in the business. With Kiefer's, that's been the case since the 1930s.

"We have the same policy as always," says David.

"We don't carry high end furniture; neither do we carry merchandise that's not made well, that won't hold up in the customer's home."

Kiefer's carries the full-line of furniture you'll need for any room in your home - from dining room to bed-

room. The inventory includes choices in color and covers in upholstered furniture, for example, unlike the severely limited selections you'll find in a non-furniture store.

David reports that Kiefer's continues to do a good business in sofa beds. Though the store is actually serving third-generation customers, there are many older residents in the area, customers who are enjoying adapting their homes for new purposes.

"People are tending to use the rooms that used to be occupied by children for purposes other than bedrooms," he says. "If you're turning an old bedroom into a new guest room, den, sewing or TV room, we have sofa beds that will work great."

Because Kiefer's is not a high end or decorator-oriented store, you won't find rugging, draperies or decorator-type finishes. What you will find are lamps, wall decor, dining room sets, recliners, sofa sets, bedroom furniture, chests and other quality items you can expect to last for years.

VACUUM WORLD continued from page 17
Sew and Vac Center, in 1971. He now operates a built-in vacuum business as the third business in his vacuum services corporation.

Since taking over the El Cerrito store, he has expanded the inventory considerably. Before that time, the shop had mainly offered reconditioned machines.

"We also do all the warranty work for all the major companies; none of that was available in the area before," he says. "What that means is, that if you need a part for a Bissell steam cleaner, a Eureka vacuum or a Dirt Devil, we'll have it."

Bob and his staff do warranty work on products from Douglas, Iona (a well-known Canadian company), Koblenz (a Mexican company - started by an Irishman who gave his company a German name), Oreck, Panasonic, Regina, Royal, Fantaire, Sharp, Shop-Vac, Singer and White-Westinghouse.

"Those are some of the brands for which we are factory-authorized sales centers," says Bob. "We work on everything, including products bought

from discount men."

The store's products from other companies include the largest inventory vacuum cleaners, floor in northern in our El Cerrito, Oakland stores. Bob.

The same manufacturers of cleaners, with higher performance one for the store. Vacuum cleaners carry products that houses, he says, rent a Rug Doctor cleaning unit, floor polishers, dry cleaners, etc. World. The store's floor care products waxes you'll need job - even floor real clean-up - also added a service to the El Cerrito. He noticed that where in town up a needle and. Gradually, he in a sewing machine in the.

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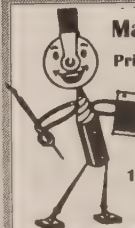
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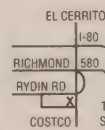
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"Most importantly, it's very, very safe. We're always getting great feedback on that."

Even newer than Advantage is Frontline, just released in February. It's quite similar to Advantage, with a couple of attractive benefits.

Frontline is considered to be more waterproof, lasting after a bath or a swim. As with Advantage, only a few drops of liquid are rubbed onto the animal. Presently, it is considered to be the most cost effective treatment for large dogs; it may even last two or three months with dogs.

(For cats, Advantage is considered to be the most cost effective treatment.) The store also continues to offer another success-

ful new product, Program. "It's known for its safety in flea control and is quite effective."

Program works by breaking the life cycle of the flea. The cat or dog takes a pill once a month. (Other forms are available.) When the flea bites, it will lay a sterile egg. After about 90 days, the last fleas to hatch to maturity will have died out.

"Program has been out for about a year and a half now," says Dr. Waidhofer. "We know the results are there. Most of our customers have reported extremely good experiences."

According to Dr. Waidhofer, Program works well with animals who live at home and stay in their own yards. Dogs who go out for walks daily, or cats who wander, may pick up fleas from untreated animals and will need extra protection from adult fleas (sprays or powders).

Home treatments, flea bombs and sprays, are not absolutely necessary, he

adds, though they will speed up the process of ridding your home of fleas.

And research continues. "We're seeing one new wave of products after the next, and it looks like each will outdo the rest," says Dr. Waidhofer. PetVet/Petfood will offer all the up-to-date products as they become available, as well as the old tried-and-trues.

"The traditional means still work well, though they are more labor-intensive: dips, baths, sprays and powders. All are effective, and our staff will be happy to advise you on their use."

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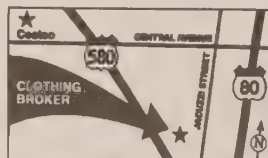
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"To avoid having your vacation spoiled by breakdown," says Leon, "before you leave, change transmission fluid and filter and have any necessary adjustments made."

"If your trip includes

towing a trailer or a boat, or driving in extreme heat, you should consider installing an auxiliary transmission cooler. Overheated fluid accelerates transmission wear."

Leon, who is into his eleventh year of assisting the drivers of this community at his present location, is more than a little proud of the top quality service his firm provides.

"You wouldn't ask a children's doctor to perform complex brain surgery, why ask an ordinary garage to repair your transmission?" he asks.

"We have the know-how and the equipment to handle anything from a mirror adjustment to a complete overhaul or transmission replacement. We can also deal with any clutch, drive

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Richmond Transmission's goal, he explains, is to offer its customers "personalized service."

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Richmond Transmission has the manpower required to meet all these goals — two master technicians and two service technicians.

Leon himself has over 20 years experiences in the transmission business, and the remainder of the staff

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Staff members, under the direction of General Manager Ted Palmer, are expert at working on both foreign and domestic cars, RVs and 4x4s. They will road-test your car and provide you with a free estimate on any work that may be required.

Still in the advice-giving mood, Leon suggest that drivers have their transmissions checked annually. At Richmond Transmission these yearly service checks include new fluid and pan gaskets, as well as minor adjustments and filter and screen cleaning.

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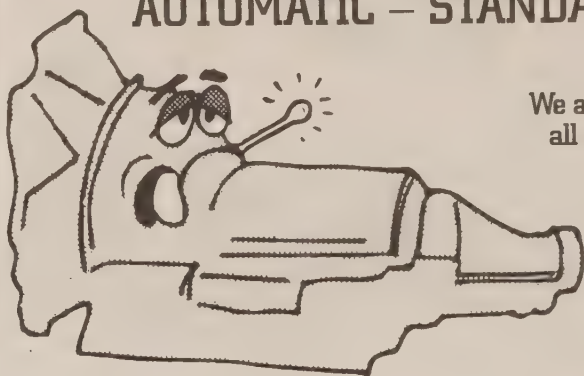
The first place drivers with cars that don't feel "quite right" should look is the transmission, Leon declares.

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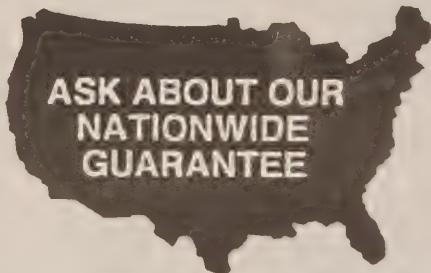
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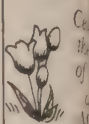
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It's for that reason that 75 percent of the company's customers are always repeats. Ken's observed that, while low prices get vehicle owners in the door, it's the expert, reliable service that keeps them coming back.

"We're committed to keeping our prices afford-

able," he says.

The shop's brake special, which starts at \$119, and the alignment special at \$35.95 are good examples. Both prices have remained the same for the past several years. (Both also apply to most cars).

As for tire prices, says Ken, "We don't necessarily run the sporadic tire sales you sometimes see; we'd rather keep them competitively priced all the time."

Mira Vista also distributes catalytic converters at affordable prices. The excellent prices offered provide vehicle owners

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Ken recommends having your brakes checked every 20,000 to 25,000 miles and bringing your car in every six months or so for an alignment check.

Though not mentioned in the name of the business, Mira Vista's crew members are also front end specialists.

"We're computer alignment specialists," Ken says. "That's required on many late model cars."

For most cars, the brake special includes resurfacing of drums or rotors, installa-

tion of lining or pads, inspection of the hydraulic system, repacking of the front wheel bearings and adjustment for the brakes. Drop-ins are accepted at Mira Vista, but it's best to set up an appointment first. That way you can get service right away rather than spending the day in the shop waiting for a 1-1/2 hour brake job.

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